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# The Baptist Record

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## Margaret Lackey Season Of Prayer For State Missions—Sept. 13-16



MISS MARGARET LACKEY

Miss Margaret Lackey is not physically able to leave her home and hasn't been for many months, but she carries the interest of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union in her heart constantly. She has given us a mes-

sage for this page that should challenge us to victory, Sept. 13-16. She has walked and worked by faith through the years, now she admonishes us to do the same.

### According to Your Faith

Beloved,—Are we not grateful that our leaders who prepared our state Week of Prayer program for us at this time chose for our consideration the subject of FAITH?

These are fearful days in which we live. But we know, "Our times are in His hands." In these days we are looking for something stable to lean on. Faith in God is the answer to our question. Our Brother Lipsey teaches us to realize the "meaning, the measure, and the manifestation of faith." Our Miss Traylor, following up Dr. Lipsey's analysis, shows us among other matters, our putting to test the Word of God. Let us not fail to follow up their leadership.

Then with our Bibles open to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, not neglecting any of the references given us in the programs—let us enlarge our vision and claim the "victory that overcomes the world." "Faith is the victory." For FAITH, walks, talks, works, hopes, envisions, journeys, decides, sacrifices. "Seeing that we are encircled with this great cloud of witnesses, . . . let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our FAITH."—Margaret Lackey.

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### I Believe in Religious Education

By James L. Kraft, Chicago, Ill.  
Chairman of the Board, Kraft  
Cheese Company

(Editor's Note: This article was written by Mr. Kraft for a special Central College edition of the "Arkansas Baptist." The convictions of this active Baptist layman and nationally known business leader, seem worthy of even wider publication, and are set forth here.)

I believe in religious education. I believe in all phases of religious education. I am not thinking though at this moment of the popular or general conception of the term. No one could be said to be well-educated unless he has a broad knowledge of the Bible and its relationship to human behaviour.

But right now I am thinking of a sort of post-graduate course in Christian education—specialized study to help young men and women fit themselves successfully and practically into the world they will have to face.

When I was a young man someone wrote a popular book, much commented upon at the time. Its title and theme were: "What Would Jesus Do?" Even as a young man, I wondered that the characters in this story seemed to have so much difficulty deciding which course of action Jesus would take under the many varied conditions described. In any given choice of decisions, there could be only one which Jesus could make—the right, as opposed to all varying degrees of wrong. The question of what is wrong and what is right is not a debatable or questionable subject. Anyone with a knowledge of the Bible and with Christian convictions must know, without question, right from wrong. It is like the old adage about the shirt: if it's doubtful, it's dirty.

Recently another book which deals with human behaviour as it is conditioned by Christian thought and teaching has been written by Grenville Kleiser, with an introduction by Roger Babson. Its title is "Taking God Into Partnership." It is well-conceived, readable and well-written. It tells the story of a corporation which grew and became outstandingly successful because the directors took God into the everyday affairs of their business—in short, into direct partnership. No new truths are presented—only the simple, age-old truth that the Golden Rule is a working rule, a rule for every day in the week and every human relationship.

It is my firm belief that the great majority of business men have a conviction that the Golden Rule would work if put to the test. Many more are actually putting it to the test than

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DR. DUKE K. MCCALL  
President, Baptist Bible Institute  
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DUKE K. MCCALL,  
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The Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans faces the coming year with the most glorious opportunities of its quarter century of history. On August 24, the last penny of principal and interest of a debt which, a decade ago, threatened to crush the life of this school, was paid in full. This triumph has been made possible by the generosity of the many friends of the school and the vision and enterprise of Southern Baptists, of which the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was the instrument. Facing an unfettered future, the Baptist Bible Institute must now make its plans to enlarge its facilities for training missionaries and ministers, educational directors, and other religious workers. This year men and women are being refused admission, because all available space in both the dormitories and apartments is taken. At this same time Southern Baptists are laying their post-war plans, plans which will demand trained Christian workers.

The founding of the Baptist Bible  
(Continued on Page Nine)



## Sparks & Splinters

Pastor Earl Brooks writes that although he was called to the church at Memphis, Missouri, he has declined the call. He says that he prefers to stay in the South. Some good church ought to call him because we need good pastors in Mississippi.

N. F. Davis, Jr., has resigned Leaf River church in Covington county, to accept Union church in Walthall county.

Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, recently led in a fruitful revival at Black Jack church in Yazoo county. There were 22 additions. Dr. A. A. Kitchings has been pastor there for more than three years. During this time, six Sunday school rooms and a kitchenette have been completed in the basement and Butane gas has been installed. The Sunday school has reached most of the points on the standard and expects to be an A-1 school in the near future. The number of tithers has been greatly increased. Contributions to missions have increased. During the meeting three young men were ordained deacons: Upton Johnson, Osteen Daniel and Ward Pepper.

Phalti church had a splendid Vacation Bible school during the first week in August. We enrolled 83 and had an average attendance of 63. The pastor served as superintendent and the other workers were: Mrs. Wayne Parish, secretary; Miss Marjorie Polk, pianist; Mrs. Mable Magee and Mrs. Hallie Buckley, Intermediate workers; Mrs. Roberta Burrow, Junior worker; Miss Ruby Booth and Mrs. J. P. Parish, Primary workers; and Mrs. Shelton Thompson and Mrs. H. A. Hunderup, Beginner workers.—H. A. Hunderup, Jr.

I have just concluded revival services at New Hope church, south of Meridian, Don Jones, pastor. There were nine additions, of which eight came for baptism. Fred McDonald, newly elected tax assessor of Lauderdale county, led the singing very acceptably. This is a fine community and a live church. Sunday, Aug. 27 I spoke before good congregations at Quitman. Brother W. L. Meadows is leading this church in a fine way. I have held three revivals in Missouri already this year and am scheduled to hold five more this fall, including one with Dr. W. W. Pierce in St. Joseph, Mo. Dr. Pierce is moderator of the General Association of Missouri. Since coming home from China I have spoken 710 times in 14 states. Mrs. Harris has spoken 542 times also—all over the South. We still maintain a home in Clinton though we are special representatives of the Foreign Mission Board to the state of Missouri. During August I was supposed to rest, but have done considerable speaking during this time.—Hendon M. Harris.

After nearly five years' pastorate with the saints of Duck Hill, on Aug. 22nd we tendered our resignation to become effective Sept. 15th. This is one of the best churches in our acquaintance. Any one desiring information concerning the church may write Mr. J. E. Aldridge, who is chairman of the pulpit committee.—C. S. Thomas.

Rev. A. C. Furr has moved from Ethel to Columbus.

D. S. T. C., Cleveland, Miss., Aug. 25

—Miss Louise Woodward, recent B. S. graduate of Delta State Teacher's College, niece of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Woodward, of Cleveland, Mississippi, will report to the Signal Corps at Arlington, Virginia, for service Thursday, September 1. At Delta State she was first vice-president and president of the Baptist Student Union; vice-president of the Delta Playhouse; secretary-treasurer of the freshman class; business manager of The Broom, and a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, the Delta Singers, the Inter-Church Council, and the Young Women's Auxiliary. Miss Woodward was judged best actress during 1941-42 in the Inter-Class Play Tournament, and she participated in the pageants given under the direction of Miss Ethel Cain and Mrs. E. O. Hunt.

D. S. Dempsey is beginning his seventh year as pastor of the Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia. The membership has grown from 400 to almost 800. Much progress has been made in the Sunday school, B. T. U., W. M. U., Vacation Bible school and the church library. They also have a Wednesday night Sunday school class for those who work on Sunday. The pastor has organized two groups, Junior and Intermediate, which he calls the Church of Tomorrow. As is often the case, they employed an educational director in April, 1941, but she was married in January. Improvements to the building include completing and furnishing the auditorium at a cost of \$16,000; building a four-story educational plant at a cost of \$12,000. They have also spent more than \$50,000 on new buildings and improvements.

J. R. Kyzar, one of our Mississippians temporarily loaned to Grandview church, Memphis, Tennessee, is now in his 17th year as pastor.

Phalti: Pastor H. A. Hunderup, Jr., writes in glowing terms of the preaching of L. W. Ferrell, pastor of Griffith Memorial church, Jackson. Pastor Hunderup says, "Though we did not have a great number of additions, we feel that the church was greatly benefited."

Sending a club list of subscriptions from Old Pearl Valley, Neshoba county, Deacon E. S. Willis says, "We had a good revival. There were three additions. Pastor F. G. Wilborn did the preaching. We also had a splendid Vacation Bible school with a good attendance. There is more interest in the Sunday school and B. T. U."

The recent meetings in which it has been our privilege to do the preaching have been with New Zion church, Copiah county; Prospect church, Montgomery county, W. M. Hull, pastor; Salem church, Hinds county, R. L. Wallace, pastor; Byram church, Hinds county, Tom Ashby, pastor. There have been several additions in all these meetings and the spirit of the people has been fine. The attendance has been good.—C. S. Thomas.

Rural Evangelist B. S. Hilbun has just closed a meeting with DeSoto church, Clarke county. There were 13 additions, 30 tithers and the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

John W. Dowdy of Kentucky, has become the new assistant general superintendent of the Missouri Baptist work. He is on the job

Jones Bayou church, Sunflower county: Our church is enjoying a continuous revival. Bro. Caraway, from Boyle, preached for us in our revival. We baptized 33 and received fifteen by letter. Bro. Skutt from Skene directed the singing. Our W. M. U. is again paying the expense of Miss Clarice Conner to B. B. I. for the term of 1943 and '44. Bro. Clark McMurray, our pastor, is one of God's chosen, and we are grateful to you for helping us get him as our pastor. God is blessing our church in a great way.—Mrs. A. O. McDade, reporter.

The Mississippi Baptist Book Store, Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager, stood second among all other Southern Baptist Book Stores in the amount of increased business in June 1943 as compared with June 1942. The increase was 78 13/100%.

John B. Laney has resigned the pastorate at Weir and has gone to Fort Worth, Texas, to attend the Southwestern Theological Seminary. The editor of The Baptist Record has known Johnnie Laney since his Clarke College student days. And if any preacher in Mississippi has more grit than he has, we have not seen or heard of it. Concerning his resignation he writes, "I hate to leave the brotherhood in Mississippi but hope the Lord will lead me back even next summer for meetings. Mississippi Baptists have meant very, very much to me and I shall be eternally grateful for the privileges of: receiving Christ through their preaching; the educational advantages in Clarke and Mississippi Colleges; and the field of service in which I found opportunity to serve the Lord by winning the lost to Christ and leading God's people as His undershepherd."

M. C. Nelson has resigned Wanilla church in Lawrence county to accept Hathorn church of Jeff Davis county. His field now consists of Bethel, Hathorn, New Hope and Topeka, and all of them have the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

In an eight-year study of nearly 3500 cases of pneumonia of patients between the ages of 30-39, 18.4 per cent of abstainers from alcohol died, 29.1 per cent of moderate users died, and 42.5 per cent of heavy users died.—Iowa Baptist Record.

V. Ward Barr of First church, Corinth, is supplying for First church, Chattanooga, Tenn., three weeks while Pastor John A. Huff is away visiting relatives in Alabama.—Western Recorder.

May we remind you that the church sends you The Baptist Record with the hope, at least with the desire, that you read this church paper. If you desire to read what Baptists did in the early era of Christianity, read the New Testament; if you want to know what Baptists are doing in this era, read your Baptist paper, The Baptist Record.—Rev. Clarence Palmer in Slayden Church Bulletin.

Richland Baptist Church, Rankin county: It has been our privilege to enjoy a series of evangelistic services under the leadership of Rev. W. W. Tipton, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, East St. Louis, Illinois. There were 10 additions. The entire church has been strengthened by the messages brought by this man of God. The song services were conducted by the pastor.—Tom L. Pfeifer, pastor.

It has been my privilege to be in a meeting with the good people of the Progress Baptist Church (Perry county) during the past week and to my knowledge it was one of the finest spiritual meetings in which I have had the pleasure of "breaking the bread." A small membership of only 33 they are being led by one of God's truly humble servants in the person of Brother T. W. Hembree. Several professions of faith and a goodly number of rededications were manifested during the closing service.—William Potter, First Baptist Church, McLain, Miss.

Moderator D. W. Graham writes that the Itawamba County Association meets September 2-3 instead of September 17-18 as previously published in the Record.

Death claimed one of Mississippi Baptists' best ministers when Dr. J. B. Quin of Summit passed away recently. His work has been built on the right foundations and will bear fruit through the years. (A fuller account will appear later.)

I was with the Arlington church, Lincoln county, recently in a meeting and a good one too. Pastor E. Glenn Floyd leads the flock in a fine way. There were seven additions, six of them for baptism. This is the church with which I had my first revival meeting as a schoolboy. They later called me to be their pastor—thus I had my first pastoral experience there. It has been a long time since I was so refreshed in soul as I was in this little fourth time country church.—J. R. Kyzar, Grandview Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

A. V. Washburn of the Sunday School Board has been commissioned an ensign by the Navy Department and is awaiting his call to active duty.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. Sammie P. Crawford, Utica; Rev. C. L. Boland, Mantee; Dr. C. S. Thomas, Jackson; Rev. John B. Laney, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. W. P. Sandifer, Wesson; Rev. R. W. Porter, Lambert; Rev. Guy Little, Pinola; Miss Edith Taylor, Belzoni; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, McComb; Frank Skilton, Blue Mountain; Rev. W. W. Tipton, East St. Louis, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. Tom L. Pfeifer, Clinton, and Rev. Gaines Hightower, Batesville.

Nashville, Aug. 29—A state charter was issued by Secretary of State Joe C. Carr Saturday to the "Universal Invisible Church, Inc., of Memphis." The new religious organization will give lectures, psychic readings, circle readings, preach and practice the science of mental healing as taught by Jesus Christ, its charter as a non-profit, general welfare group set out.

Twenty-two members of the armed forces stationed in the North Africa theatre have been granted in absentia the full membership of the historic First Baptist Church of Augusta, according to an article by J. Fritz Sallee in The Christian Index. Request for membership to the men, who represent nine states, came through their chaplain, First Lieutenant Daniel P. Jenkins.—Biblical Recorder.

Carroll Hubbard, pastor at the Beaver Dam, Kentucky, church, has been elected as assistant to J. W. Black, general secretary of Kentucky Baptists.

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# NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi

Evangelism — State, Home, and Foreign Missions — Cooperative Program — Now Club (State Debts) — 100,000 Club (S. B. C. Debts) — Baptist Record — B. T. U. — Sunday School — W. M. U. — Brotherhood — B. S. U. — Retirement Plan — Seminaries — Christian Education — Hospitals — Orphanage — Pastoral Aid — Church Building Aid — Chinese Work — Negro Work — Indian Work — Literature — Enlistment Pastors — Service Men's Department — Historical Society — Wills and Bequests Activities — W. M. U. Training School — Bookkeeping.

## I

The association nominates to the Convention Board—the Convention elects the members. The Convention usually follows the will of the churches through the associations.

The Convention Board is one of the most important of all the Boards.

A College Board has to do only with that college, and so with the boards of the various institutions.

The Foreign Mission Board has to do only with Foreign Missions.

The Executive Committee of the S. B. C. has to do only with Southwide affairs.

Whereas, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has to do with both State and Southwide affairs, in that it sets the distribution of all funds, promotes all the work at the base, i. e., the churches, and plans in detail the State work.

We have some Christian statesmen on the Board. Let us keep the Board filled with them. We need them for the work of Christ!

The Executive Committee of this Board has done more than most people realize in helping us come to this good day in debt paying. They have, at times, withstood threats and ridicule in turn to stop the "hand over" methods employed too often for the good of the work.

The veterans have led in "standing in the gap" (see Ezekiel) in such matters.

We say all of this to emphasize the need for the Spirit's leadership in continuing to select some of Christ's best for Board membership. Not antagonizers, but organizers! Isa. 58.

## II

We intend making some of our association meetings this Fall. We shall not make as many as heretofore. The reason: We intend giving our Enlistment Pastors the privilege of representing this office. If we go it will mean divided time. We want our people to become acquainted with these brethren in these strategic positions. We like to be helpful to those with whom we serve.

Help the brethren!

A hurried decision and trip took us to Ridgcrest.

First, we were to contact our Baptist Record advertising agent about important matters. This we did, finding him most courteous.

Second, we enjoyed most of Foreign Mission Week—all we were privileged to attend.

Third, we visited Brother H. H. Bethune, Oteen, N. C. He is in the government hospital. We found him doing nicely, awaiting an operation. We have been privileged to supply for him some at Oakdale where the people appreciate him very much. This is true in all his work.

We used a Sunday we had set for a vacation in supplying at First church, Memphis. House was completely filled on all main floor including Educational annex Sunday morning. Good congregation at night. Radio class holds up well, and good group at Brotherhood. They believe in working a fellow—we spoke four times during the day. Some great folks in this church. One addition by letter.

We were privileged to present for the church a New Testament to Peter H. Mommson as he was leaving for service in the Marines. He is a fine chap and from a fine family.

An ordaining council composed of Pastors Johnston, Metts, Benson, Cooper, Bell, A. J. Wilds, A. W. Talbert, and the writer examined Tommy Talbert looking toward setting him apart for the work of the ministry. His answers were clear, correct, and to the point. We predict and wish for him a gracious ministry. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Talbert. More fine people.

## III

As announced through the W. M. U. page—the State W. M. U. is setting a STATE MISSION goal (budget) in the amount of \$15,000 for their Season of Prayer. All beyond that is to go into the Camp Fund. It is our sincere belief that W. M. U. may raise \$25,000 in this season. It is our hope that they will. That would add \$10,000 to the camp offering. The camps mean much to our young people.

## IV

"Christ For America" by Dean is a handbook to be used in preparing for great cooperative revivals. The first chapter on "Mass Evangelism" by Appel-man thrills. The second chapter on "How Prayer Brings Revival" by Davis lifts. Then Dean goes on with "plans."

A book for girls—"If I Were Eighteen" by Helen K. Wallace—a writer who knows girls and who writes good advice, sweet counsel. Girls will profit through the reading of this book.

These are Revell publications. Order from your Book Store.

## V

### A CORRECTION

In July 29th issue of the Record the figures show that SPRING CREEK Baptist Church, Zion Association, gave \$12.00 to Now Club for the first six months of the year. This is an error. It should be Spring Creek Baptist

Church, Calhoun Association, that gave the \$12 and Spring Creek, Zion Association, gave \$10.50 to Cooperative Program. We are adjusting our books accordingly, and regret the error.

## VI

Pastor D. I. Young, Eden, Mississippi, writes that he has witnessed 62 additions to his churches so far this year and adds, "The Evangelistic Crusade goes on." Evangelism is like that. As the tide rises, it levels off in all directions.

Friends of Dr. J. R. G. Hewlett will be glad to know that after a serious illness, he is up again. He is re-gaining his strength and weight. The last two weeks he has read 12 of the Epistles of Paul. His has been a long and useful life, and may his ministry be continued for many years.

In a visit to the Brotherhood meeting at First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, we found the following very suggestive "Weekly Reports" in use by the membership. The report follows:

### Weekly Report to the Brotherhood

No. united with church.....  
No. unsaved dealt with.....  
No. men invited to services.....  
No. unaffiliated Baptists invited to church.....  
No. church members enlisted.....  
No. visits to sick and needy.....  
No. pieces of literature distributed.....  
No. pledges to budget secured.....  
No. 100,000 Club members secured.....  
No. tithers enlisted.....  
Signed.....

(Please check)

Member.....

Visitor.....

## VII

Mississippi Baptists should make large use of the presence of foreign missionaries who are at home these days. We refer to their use in schools of Missions. A well balanced program in a school of Missions would include State Mission, Home Mission and Foreign Mission emphasis. You will write the respective boards about help for such a program. Plans should be made well in advance.

The brethren have been making large use of the Evangelist Aubert Dunn, Meridian, Mississippi. We have some splendid reports regarding his fine work and trust that this large use of him may continue.

Chaplain E. Nicholson, APO No. 825, % Postmaster, New Orleans, Louisiana, writes: "It was my joyful privilege to see two fine young men who had been won to Christ through my ministry, baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Bro. P. E. Taylor, pastor. And there are three more candidates waiting to be baptized. Many young men are seeking Christ as their Saviour. One of these young men has gone all the way for Christ—he is preaching Salvation by Grace, daily. Many are coming to know HIM through this young man's simple preaching. Pray for us here in this work. I hope to see you soon. I've been down here for 19 months now."

### Bible Society Increases Scriptures To Armed Services

New York—(RNS)—In the third year of its War Emergency Program, the American Bible Society distributed 1,500,767 Bibles, New Testaments, and portions of the Bible to the armed forces and the Merchant Marine — topping by nearly 500,000 the total number of volumes distributed during the two previous years of the program. In addition, the Society announced, churches and other organizations have distributed to men and women in specific branches of the service, 912,361 service Testaments.

The Society also reported that Scriptures in 34 languages are going to prisoners-of-war and refugees throughout the world. Scriptures in Russian head the list in volume of distribution. French prisoners receive the second largest number, English the third. The Society announced that acute shortages of Bibles for civil populations exist in Italy, France, Belgium, Hungary, Rumania, Poland, and other Axis-dominated countries. To meet shortages it is printing Italian Testaments and French Bibles and Testaments in Switzerland, for shipment into France and Italy. Printing of other editions in Polish, Czech, Hungarian, and Serbo-Croatian is anticipated in the near future.

Because of paper shortages and transportation difficulties, scriptures in Spanish and Portuguese for Latin American countries, printed in England before the war, are now being printed in the United States. In 1942

### BRITISH TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER

London, (By Cable) —(RNS)— The fourth anniversary of the war will be observed September 3 as a day of prayer and dedication by the people of England, at the behest of King George VI.

Fighting men, war workers, and school children will stop work to share in a religious service which will be broadcast from 11 to 11:15 a. m.

The announcement, issued by the Home Office, also referred to a future occasion on which the King might wish to call the nation to prayer. No date was mentioned, but it was stated that "it is probable that the King will appoint one Sunday also as National Prayer Sunday. As notice will be short, those who have the responsibility of leading the people in worship will prepare themselves in advance and hold themselves in readiness for the day to be appointed."

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and early 1943 the Society printed 140,000 Spanish Bibles, which, it stated, is the largest single issue of such books in all the history of the Christian Church.

The demand for the Bible in Latin America, the Society indicated, is so great and is mounting so fast that "it is felt that this notable supply is only a prelude to far greater publishing programs that will follow the war." In progress now is the printing of 200,000 Army Testaments in Spanish, for distribution to armed forces in Mexico.



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### THE ASSOCIATION SEASON IS HERE

Beginning August 26 and on through October 28 is the Mississippi Baptist Association season. The list of Associations, with the dates and meeting places, was published on the front page of last week's issue. We gave it front page space because we consider the Association a power in Baptist work. More people attend all our Associations than attend any other meeting. Any worthy proposition well presented at our associations will reach more people than through any other meeting held by Baptists.

We believe that the reports this year will be among the best, if not the best, in many, many years. For that reason we urge everybody not only to be represented, but to be well represented. Let the people prepare the reports with great care and see that the reports are complete. Worthy deeds are entitled to worthy records.

Check now and see if your church has made an offering for the Co-operative Program and the Now Club this year. If not, even though it be a small one, there is yet time to make up an offering and thus help Secretary McCall and Mississippi Baptists attain their coveted goal of 100% participation by the Baptist churches of Mississippi.

### THEY WILL DO IT

In a recent issue of The Baptist Record we carried a short article by Brotherhood General Secretary Lawson H. Cooke. The heading of the article was, "We Are Going Out This Year." The resolutions adopted by the Brotherhood conference at Ridgecrest on August 6, 1943 stated that the Brotherhoods throughout the South had placed special emphasis on paying our Southern Baptist debt. Our experience with the Brotherhood both local, statewide and South-

wide, is that when they set their heads to do a thing, it is as good as done. We are now beginning to think ahead to the celebration that we will have when our debts are paid. And they are going to be paid and they are going to be paid this year. For all Southern Baptists (even those who have done nothing about the debts) desire to see our debts paid. Many Southern Baptists, many members of the 100 Thousand Club, countless organizations, large numbers of women and women's organizations have been paying and praying about this matter. Now that the goal is in sight, we bespeak for Secretary Cooke and all members of the Brotherhood the very best cooperation that everyone can render. They are going out this year. Let every one of us give them all the help we can, for the more help we give the sooner we will get out.

### AT LEAST SHE IS TRYING

Below we give a few sentences from a letter which a good woman recently wrote us:

"Dear Brother Goodrich,

"I have failed paying my pastor as I should. But I have heard you talk so much on tithing until I am starting today giving 1/10 of what I have. I get \$62 a month for me and my son from the government. My husband is in the armed service. While he was at home we bought a place. We are to give \$1,200 for it. I am paying \$50 each month out of my check. From now on I am going to give 1/10 of the rest. I want you to pray for my husband that he may come home to his wife and son, the ones that love him so dearly. Also pray for my brother who is also in the armed service."

The above letter worded verbatim indicates a willing spirit. We do not claim to be an authority on tithing and there are various opinions. We doubt if 1/10 of \$12 or \$1.20 is the tithe of this good woman's income, but circumstances sometime alter cases. And even though it might not be the full tithe, it is a good start in the right direction, and she is going to find greater and greater joy in helping to promote the Lord's work.

This much can be said. She is doing much more than many others who are far more able. We know many well fixed property owners and others who give little or nothing to the Lord's work. We recall one now who is giving \$1 per month to the operation of his church. We commend this good woman for what she is doing and trust that others will make a start. For if we never start, we never move.

E. F. Haight, professor at the Baptist Bible Institute, did the preaching at the meeting at Ruth. The church was spiritually blessed.

### CHURCH NAMES ARE NEEDED

In one of our exchanges we recently read where a pastor suggested that every Baptist church should have a sign in front of the church telling what kind of church it is. We want to commend this suggestion. In fact, we have intended to say the same thing for several months, but pressure for space prevented. For several years we have traveled throughout Mississippi, and many times we have passed churches and wondered about their names.

It would cost but little and would magnify the church if each would have a sign painted and placed in front of the church giving its name and the name of the pastor. It would add to the prestige of the people in the community. It would advertise the church to passersby and strangers would feel that the church was proud of its building and denomination.

### HOW TO MEET THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE

Every day and everywhere we hear complaints about the present shortage of manpower. Women are being recruited in large numbers in various plants as well as in the service of the armed forces.

From one of our exchanges we print below a simple remedy that will free enough men to either fill the shortage of manpower or greatly reduce the present shortage.

Curtailment of liquor has been effected by government action in every warring country on both sides except in the United States, says an exchange. Dr. J. Raymond Schmidt, general superintendent of the National Civic League, declared: "Stop the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages for the duration and it will not be necessary to recruit married women for work in munitions and armament factories." The Manpower Commission is heralding the need for a million three hundred thousand new workers, there is a hue and cry against absenteeism in war plants, and in the face of it all a reduction of the price of liquor has just been announced. Perhaps it might help if our legion of stuffed shirts would do a little checking up.

The First Baptist Church of Bristow, Oklahoma, continues to make progress under the efficient leadership of Reverend Paul D. Bragg. Reverend and Mrs. Bragg have just passed their first anniversary in Oklahoma. They came to us from the state of Mississippi. The members of the Bristow church have a deep conviction that the Lord's hand led these two excellent Christian workers to their church.—Oklahoma Baptist Messenger. (Editor's Note: Pastor Bragg went from Carthage, Miss., to Bristow.)

Black Jack church, Yazoo county, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, pastor, is planning to celebrate its centennial in the near future.

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## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

This is the season for our annual associational meetings. It is a period of much importance to our Baptist work each year when the associational meetings are held. Through those meetings fellowship is promoted, records are obtained, and the people who come are able to go home better informed and inspired to accept the great challenges that come to them to do something for the Lord. After having attended every annual associational meeting held in the state for three years, and many other such meetings, we feel we are competent to make a few observations.

Associational meetings should not be standardized or mechanical. Perhaps the large emphasis we place on the promotion of every department of our work has been in a measure responsible for the similarity of the programs of the associations, and for the fact that year after year the programs are much the same. When the program of an association or convention continues to be about the same year after year, it is evident that someone needs to have charge of making the program who has some ability and originality. We do not mean by this that it is out of order for our programs to promote the work of every department, for that is necessary, but a program that is purely promotional is as interesting as a newspaper would be that contained nothing but advertising.

We recognize too that a large part of the program must be the same each year. There are records and reports that must be presented. That gives us even more reason to value highly the program that is well planned, distinctive, and that in a special way will stand out in the memory of each one present as a highly profitable one.

Each speaker must use good judgment. Since the program must be presented by those who speak, the attitude and conduct of each speaker is important. No moderator or program committee alone can be held entirely responsible if every speaker does not cooperate. It is often embarrassing to a moderator to notify a speaker that he is consuming time that does not belong to him. Perhaps we are wrong, but it seems to us that for a speaker to take more time than has been allotted him, thereby giving the impression that his message is more important than any other on the program, especially when there are others to follow and time is short, is to give considerable evidence of egotism. To be sure every speaker should regard his message as important, but he should feel that it is important enough to be worthy of preparation that would make it the most effective in the time designated for it.

Every church should have its letter in the best possible condition. The letters should be sent to the clerk well in advance of the meeting, not brought in just before the meeting is adjourned. The church that is careful

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less about its letter says by that that it has been careless about doing the work that should be reported on that letter. The church that isn't interested enough to get a letter to the association gives evidence that it does not care to cooperate with others of like faith and order, and considers the fellowship of the association as having no value.

Baptists who do anything care about what other Baptists who are busy are doing. They are entitled to have available the most accurate statistics possible. They cannot have that material if all the churches do not take an interest in helping secure correct information. We should be diligent in the work of the Lord.

Every church should be represented in the meeting. Despite current difficulties in travel, this is one meeting that is worthy of a representative attendance. Someone should be present from each church.

In our associations some things must constantly be kept in mind. They offer opportunity for fellowship. There should be ample time for that, and every effort should be made to promote Christian fellowship. The associations provide an opportunity for cooperation. Churches should always be concerned about the progress of other churches; hence in the associations opportunity is afforded to learn more of the needs and problems of other churches.

Every associational meeting can and should be a special blessing to everyone who attends. Let's do our best to see that each meeting is an outstanding one.—Baptist New Mexican.

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**Contributed Editorial**

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

**THOU SHALT NOT KILL**

Theodore Whitfield, Pocahontas, Miss.

This one of the Ten Commandments does not forbid the killing of animals for meat. How do I know that? Because in the same books—Exodus and Deuteronomy—where the Ten Commandments are given, it gives specific instructions as to the killing of meat. In the second place, this command does not forbid capital punishment. How do I know that? Because in the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy the Lord orders capital punishment for five things. For kidnapping is one. The Lindbergh law is just 35 centuries behind Moses on that subject. For the crime of rape capital punishment is prescribed. Also for murder. I heard a prominent preacher preach a sermon from this text, "Thou shalt not kill," in an effort to save a young man from the gallows—a young man that had committed cold blooded murder. Now that preacher totally misused and misapplied that text. He could just as well have said it would be sinful to kill cattle for meat or to kill flies or bacteria or rattlesnakes. Yes, the Lord said, "Thou shalt not kill," but right there—almost in the same chapter—He said that for the crime of murder He wanted the death penalty. He goes

**WHY NOT ATTEND CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE?**

I can truthfully say that I have found more real Christian happiness



during these months at Clarke College than I have in all the rest of my life put together. The Christian spirit which Marguerite Jolly prevails on our campus, in the classrooms, in the dormitories, in the dining hall, and elsewhere is simply unexcelled. The associations between boys and girls at Clarke are clean, upright, and moral in every respect, and do we have fun! —Marguerite Jolly, Oklahoma.

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**VIRGIL RATCLIFF TO NEW PASTORATE**

Brother Virgil Ratcliff, pastor of the Baptist church of Crosby, Mississippi, has accepted the call of the Lumberton, Mississippi, church.

After having served the Crosby church faithfully and efficiently since September, 1941, Brother Ratcliff resigned early in July to accept the pastorate in Lumberton, the resignation to be effective August first.

Brother Ratcliff has given himself unreservedly to meeting the spiritual and material needs of the people in our church and community. During his ministry additional rooms have been constructed in the church building in order to meet more adequately the needs of the Sunday school; new song books have been purchased; and many other improvements have been made. Mrs. Ratcliff has endeared herself not only to the members of the W. M. U. in which organization she has taken a very active part as a worker and a leader, but also to the other members of the community because she has been keenly interested in many activities. The Rev. and Mrs. Ratcliff have both ministered faithfully and efficiently to their people during their two years here.

Be it resolved that, since our beloved pastor, Brother Virgil Ratcliff, feels that it is the Lord's will for him to give up his work in the Crosby church and join with the Baptists of Lumberton in an effort to do God's Kingdom's work there, we, the members of the Crosby Baptist Church, at a called meeting do accept his resignation this twenty-fifth day of July, 1943.

The prayers and best wishes of his church, as well as of his many other friends in Crosby and in the surrounding communities, will be with him, his good wife, and their consecrated family as they enter into a bigger and broader field for service in Lumberton.

Signed JOHNNIE HATFIELD,  
Clerk,  
Crosby Baptist Church.

exceedingly far in this instruction, saying that even if the culprit come and take hold of the horns of the altar—which meant appealing to the Lord for mercy—yet the Lord commanded that he be taken from the altar and executed.

In the third place, this one of the Ten Commandments does not forbid war. Because in the same books of Exodus and Deuteronomy the Lord told the Israelites to go to war against the Canaanites and to exterminate them, for that their iniquity was full.

Now, if the commandment does not forbid the killing of animals for meat and does not forbid the execution of certain criminals and does not forbid war under certain conditions, then what does it forbid? The answer is "murder." In some Bibles you will read it translated "Thou shalt do no murder." The Lord gives some very stern warnings about murder.

**GOING PLACES**

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:  
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."  
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



SAMMY CRAWFORD

**Chapel Hill, Hinds County, is No. 646**

The EVERY FAMILY list continues to grow. No. 646 to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan is Chapel Hill church of Hinds county. Sammy Crawford is the progressive pastor. Not only has he led them from fourth-time to half-time, but they are now talking of enlarging the church to take care of the growing needs. They have recently closed a very successful revival and in addition to a handsome love offering for the visiting preacher, the church made the pastor a gift of \$75.

Hinds county has Record readers as follows: BETHESDA 44; BOLTON 22; BYRAM 15; CALVARY JACKSON 839; CHAPEL HILL 30; CLINTON 145; Daniel 14; Davis Memorial 4; Edwards 3; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 275; Jackson First 227; LEARNED 14; NORTH SIDE JACKSON 101; PALESTINE 10; PARKWAY 129; POCAHONTAS 23; RAYMOND 75; SOUTH SIDE JACKSON 40; Utica 22; VAN WINKLE 86; TERRY 89.

**Unity Church is No. 647**

A letter from Pastor W. R. Austin bring an EVERY FAMILY list from Unity church in Montgomery county. Pastor Austin tried the plan at Paris church in Lafayette county. He felt that if the plan was good for the folks at Paris it was equally good for the folks at Unity church. More and more of the pastors in Mississippi are realizing the value of The Baptist Record.

Montgomery county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 19; DUCKHILL 31; Eskridge 2; MILLIGAN SPRINGS 32; Poplar Springs 1; SCOTLAND 39; Shiloh 8; UNITY 12, and Winona 7.

**Baptist Record Bats 930**

The Department of Statistics of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board recently published in The Baptist Record a list of the 100 churches which gave the most to the Cooperative Program for the first six months of 1943. While we do not claim that The Baptist Record is a cure-all, we cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that 93 out of those 100 churches are Baptist Record EVERY

**GALLERY 35—BAPTIST RECORD  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE**

	SS	BTU
New Fellowship (Jasper) ---	53	
Calvary Jackson ---	706	165
Parkway ---	360	
Crystal Springs ---	384	111
Ackerman ---	113	29
Bethlehem (Jones) ---	83	27
Olive Branch ---	85	125
Wallerville ---	68	34
New Albany ---	489	175
Louisville ---	212	28
Enon (Panola) ---	50	55

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Olive Branch ---	90	98
Jones Bayou (Sunflower) ---	142	64

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**ONE CHAPLAIN HAS CIRCUIT 800 MILES LONG**

London headquarters of The Associated Press August 29 sent the following dispatch to American newspapers:

"Dr. William Barrow Pugh, chairman of the General Protestant Commission on United States Army and Navy Chaplains, arrived in London by plane from the north today on a tour of Allied fighting theaters.

"The plane carrying Dr. Pugh, who is completing at the request of President Roosevelt a mission begun by the late Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, also brought a number of Axis prisoners. Bishop Leonard was killed in an airplane crash in Iceland May 3.

"Wearing a trench coat and felt hat, the rugged Dr. Pugh began making enthusiastic remarks about the work of chaplains almost before he stepped out of the plane.

"He came from Iceland and Greenland, where he said the chaplains are carrying on cheerfully despite difficult conditions. One in Iceland holds fourteen services each Sunday, he said, and another in Greenland has an 800-mile circuit.

"He expects to go from England to North Africa, the Middle East, India, China and Central Africa and thence to headquarters of the South Atlantic fleet.

"What I've already seen convinces me we will hardly know this world when the war is over," he said. "It's all going to be just about like one big country."

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We appreciate a copy of an attractive booklet giving the history of the Second Baptist Church of Liberty, Missouri. This church was founded in 1843 and is now 100 years old. The first pastor was A. P. Williams; the present pastor, Allen S. Cutts.

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FAMILY churches. Informed Baptists are better Baptists. It is also significant that the church that gave most to the Cooperative Program is an EVERY FAMILY church, having more than 800 copies going to its membership each week.

In baseball language a batter who gets 93 hits out of 100 would be batting 930. A 300 hitter in any league is considered good, a 350 hitter is a star, and so far as we recall there has never been a 930 hitter. But of the 100 churches giving most to the Cooperative Program from January 1, 1943, to June 30, 1943, 93 were EVERY FAMILY churches. The Baptist Record does help.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

## OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.  
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### The Negro Institute

Since the summer of 1940, Woman's Missionary Union of the South has been fostering institutes for the training of Negro women leaders in a number of the States. Mississippi had one of the first one-day institutes in August 1940. The next year we joined with Alabama and Georgia in a week's institute in Selma University, Selma, Alabama. Last year we had four one-day institutes in different sections of the state. Last week we had one at Jackson College, beginning Thursday noon, August 19th, and closing Saturday noon, August 21st. We had 58 delegates in attendance for the entire time from 51 different churches, 40 towns and villages and 25 counties.

This was a great group of earnest Christian women. They came with their Bibles and notebooks. We had two books taught: "Making Your Community Christian" and "How to Pray." Every one that did not already have copies of these books, bought them. It was a joy to teach these eager women.

We had Miss Gladys Keith, New Orleans, and Rev. H. P. McCormick, a missionary to Africa, as Southern Baptist speakers. Mrs. Mobola Ayorinde, a native from Africa and also Mrs. Frances B. Watson, one of the Negro Baptist representatives from Liberia as special Negro speakers.

Their gratitude for this opportunity to study together was beautiful and made this writer very humble indeed. We are very thankful for these fine Christian women and I realize they have a contribution to make to a Christian democracy.

We appreciate the following resolution and we are printing it to show the gratitude of our Christian friends for the little we have attempted to do for them:

#### Resolution

Jackson, Miss., August 21, 1943.

Whereas the colored Baptist women of Mississippi, here assembled, have been so greatly benefited and inspired by the very fine instructions given by Miss Fannie Traylor and her associates;

And whereas it was chiefly through the efforts of Miss Traylor that this opportunity was made possible;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we give a standing vote of thanks to the women of the Southern Baptist Convention, with Miss Traylor leading on, and we also pray God's choicest blessings upon them.

#### Committee:

Mrs. P. J. Smith,  
Mrs. A. A. Cosey,  
Mrs. M. E. Flynn.

A paper given at the Griffith Memorial, Jackson, W. M. S. by a young colored woman with a group from the College Hill Baptist Church:

#### Can Jesus Depend On You?

You can have Christian fellowship with all other Christians, for we are united as brethren in Christ with all others who are children of God by

faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our attitude toward others is not one of arrogance, bitterness or hostility, it is the attitude of broad, sympathetic love alongside a clear, definite loyalty to Christ and His Word.

The believer now is justified by faith and is adopted into the family of God. He is no longer a slave. He is a free man, for when Christ sets you free, you are free indeed. Jesus Christ has made us sons of God, we have been baptized into Him, we are dressed up in the vesture of righteousness. Our duty is to walk in the newness of life and to behave ourselves as heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North—but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide world.

Let us think along with the poet:

There are those who will deceive me no matter how my trust may be, even friends and kindred sometimes turn their backs on me, but there's one who always listens and my poor condition sees.

When my burden gets so heavy and it seems I can't go on, and my pathway gets so dreary I can't tell the right from the wrong, Jesus' voice I hear within me whispering, Child, rely on me.

When the journey gets so tedious do I fret or complain? Though my enemies misuse me do I love them just the same? Am I truly an example of what a Christian ought to be? Do I help those who are needy just like Jesus has helped me?

Do I give my best in service even though no one can see?

I can put my trust in Jesus—  
Can He put His trust in me?

What this friend is doing others can do:

#### Fostering a Negro Sunshine Band

"How I do wish that I could have been a missionary and served my Master on some foreign field or even on the home mission field!" Have you ever had such a longing in your heart? We think, "How wonderful it must be to tell people of other lands or other nationalities of our Savior and His love," forgetting that there are some in our own community who need to know Him as a personal Saviour. All around us are men and women, boys and girls, who are as surely lost as those in other lands who have never even heard the name of Jesus. We call work among people in our own midst "community missions," and in such ministering we find a great missionary opportunity.

May I tell you of my experience in working with the Negro children of my town? Over a year ago, while I was serving as Sunbeam leader in my own W. M. U., there came to me a desire to organize a Sunbeam Band for the colored children. I felt that this desire was a divine leading and that God was promising His help.

Realizing that the cooperation of the colored pastor would help to make the organization a greater success, I

discussed it with him and he willingly pledged his support. We arranged a day of meeting, which he announced in the morning church service. At this first meeting there were forty people present, about half being men and women who came "to see what it was all about." We welcome visitors but have on our roll only the children between the ages of 5 and 12 years. Sunshine Band members, according to their manual, should be from 5 to 9 years of age, but we have included this older group because there are no other missionary organizations for young people in their church.

The manual and other literature was obtained from the national young people's director, Mrs. Lethia Craig, 20 Boulevard, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. She has been most cooperative. The price of the Sunshine Band Manual is 20c, and in it we find the Sunshine song, the watchword and other helpful material.

We have our meetings the third Sunday afternoon in each month in their church, the average attendance being 21. Occasionally, on some other afternoon, we have a social on the church grounds.

When the band was organized, we hoped to get a leader from among their women, since one of the aims of their Convention is to develop leadership. We have not yet succeeded in getting this leader, but they have conscientious and intelligent W. M. S. officers, who show good possibilities of future leadership.

Through our programs we not only try to create within the hearts of the children a missionary spirit and a love for God and the church, but we also try to win them to Christ and have them build strong characters. I have saved all World Comrades for the last four years, so I choose a subject and, with material selected from these magazines and other available sources, prepare a program that I feel will meet the needs of the children. One of their W. M. S. officers takes the program and makes assignments to various members because they enjoy having a part on a program. By using acrostics and giving verses of one poem to several different children, more of the members can be used on each program. They also like to sing. The offering is given to missions, the young people's department of the National Convention and the church.

We are planning to have a mission study class soon, with a picnic-lunch furnished by the members of the W. M. S. of my church, that has already been helpful in many ways. Miss Janice Singleton, Georgia W. M. U. executive secretary, has given helpful suggestions. We are very grateful for all the aid and encouragement given us.

The fostering of a Sunshine Band or one of the other organizations for colored children seems to me to be a splendid form of directed community missions for a W. M. S., a circle or even for one of our young people's organizations. I feel that the efforts made toward promoting this Sun-

### RED FRANKS IS MISSING

Lieutenant J. D. "Red" Franks, Jr., outstanding football star and president of the student body at Mississippi College in 1940-41, has been reported "missing in action" in North Africa, according to word received by his father, Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor, Columbus First Baptist Church.

The message received by Dr. Franks from the War Department stated that Lt. Franks, who is a bombardier, had been missing since August 3, following a raid over the Rumanian oil fields.

Lt. Franks has been serving overseas for several months, and in a letter to friends here only last week he told of participating in the first big raid on Rome.

Prior to his enlistment in the air corps, Lt. Franks was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., but gave up his ministerial studies at mid-term last year to voluntarily enter the service of his country.

One of the most popular students on the campus, Lt. Franks was, without opposition, unanimously elected to the presidency of the student body his senior year. The previous year he was elected secretary of the student body, also without opposition. An outstanding athlete, Lt. Franks participated in baseball, track and football at Mississippi College. He was a member of the "M" Club, Athletic Council, Executive Council and various other leading organizations.

Before entering Mississippi College, Lt. Franks attended high school at Columbus. He was a first string guard on Columbus' great national championship football team that defeated Billy DeCorrevent's Chicago pep title in Memphis in 1936.

Taking a great interest in young boys, Lt. Franks served as a counselor at Camp Ridgecrest, North Carolina, Southern Baptist Boys' Camp, for a number of years, and for the last few years was manager of the camp. (Editor's note: We know at least one boy who took "Red" as his example.)

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### HOUSTON LONGINO

Calvary Baptist Church of Silver Creek lost one of her best deacons, Houston Longino, who passed away after a long illness. It was not the pastor's privilege to know him during his active life, but he knew his consecration during his suffering. His deepest interest was his church. He had no fear of death, but looked to the glory beyond, cheered and comforted by his faithful wife, living happily to the end.

Three fine children survive him, Houston, Jr., a commanding officer at the air corps in Houston, Texas; Margaret, wife of Dr. Archie Germany, Chicago, Ill., and Francis, who is prominent in the teaching profession.—H. B. Speights, pastor.

shine Band have not been in vain. Disappointments and discouragements have come, but the children have been very interested and responsive; working with them has been a joyous privilege.—Mrs. I. W. Amoss, Georgia, in Royal Service.

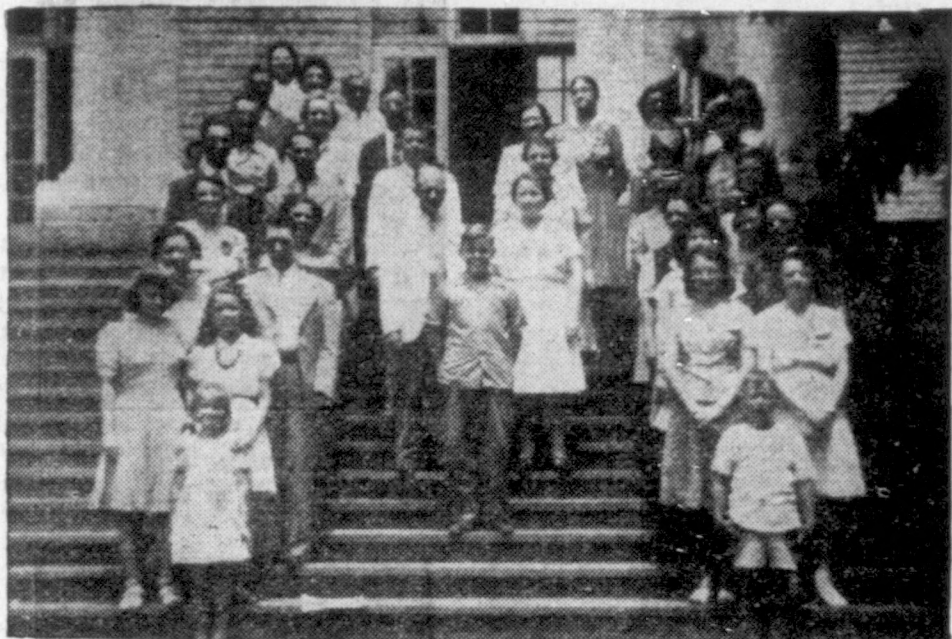


## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

### MISSISSIPPIANS AT RIDGECREST



#### Turn the Tide

Dr. J. O. Williams, head of the Department of Education and Promotion of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has written a very stimulating article on the subject "Let Us Turn the Tide." We are giving it below just as Dr. Williams wrote it in order to share it with our readers:

"The records show that the enrollment in the Sunday schools of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention has decreased for the last two years. In 1941 the loss was 36,907 and in 1942 it was 122,538, leaving the enrollment at the end of the year 3,430,929.

"Some reasons for this decrease are evident. Large numbers of our people are in the armed forces of the country. A greater number is engaged in defense work. All of life is abnormal. All people are living under a strain. Many have heavy burdens and deep sorrows. Worldliness is claiming many lives. Sin is seeking all. But in this day we must be as the Apostle Paul, who said, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' In Christ we can win. Through Him we can be victorious.

"This is no time for any person to absent himself from the house of the Lord. The churches have a message for the people of this day. The people need this message and can secure it if they shall wait upon the Lord and worship Him in the churches. Regular attendance upon services of worship will give poise and power to personalities.

"We believe it is possible to have an increase in the enrollment in our Sunday schools during the next twelve months. Let us use every means possible to turn the tide in Sunday school enrollment. Use enlargement campaigns, membership revivals, new schools, new departments, new classes, and training courses.

"Pray for power, visit for victory, work to win, study to strengthen. These and all other helpful methods should be used to increase the enrollment in our Sunday schools."

#### Preview Study

For some time the Sunday School Board has published THE ANNOUNCER, which is a four-page leaflet giving suggestions for a pre-

view study of a quarter's Sunday school lessons.

THE ANNOUNCER is now being displaced by PREVIEW STUDY, which, in addition to giving suggestions and helpful hints on the study of a quarter's lessons, also combines very valuable items on how to get ready to teach these lessons. It is an eight-page folder. Some of the topic headings are: How to Get Ready to Teach the Quarter's Lessons, Consider the Aim, Group the Lessons, Read the Scripture Material, Consider the Basic Truths, List Pupil Experiences and Interest, Consider Social and Spiritual Conditions, Decide Upon Desired Outcomes and Results, List Helpful Learning Activities.

Under each of the above headings there is given suggestive ideas that will help greatly in formulating others on the part of the teacher. It really is a most helpful leaflet.

We have a few of these in the Jackson office and will be glad to mail them free on request.

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#### THE AUTHORITY OF CONVENTIONS OVER ASSOCIATIONS

J. W. Lee

Some of us never dreamed that we would ever live to see the day when a Baptist Convention would even presume to exercise authority over an Association but it seems that sad day is upon us.

At the last meeting of the Convention article eleven of the by-laws was amended. The amendment was offered by Brother Bryan Simmons and read as follows: "No person shall hold membership on any one Board or Commission of the Convention continuously for more than three full terms." It will be recalled that while the amendment was being considered Brother Simmons was asked how his amendment would affect members of the State Board, since they are nominated by the Associations. His reply in substance was, (I am quoting from memory), "That is up to the Associations. They can conform their nominations to this amendment if they care to." To the surprise of some of us he now says in the Record of August 19, "Nominating committees of each of the 22 Associations involved will need to inquire as to the length of time served by the member from

### HOW TO WRITE AN INTERNED MISSIONARY

Officially reported interned at Tsingtao, Japan: Rev. Robert A. Jacob, Dr. Alfred Walle Yocum, Miss Pearl Caldwell. Her address is:

Civilian Internee Mail

Miss Pearl Caldwell, American Internee,  
Tsingtao Camp,  
Tsingtao, Japan,  
Via New York, New York.

Postage Free

that Association."

"The member himself will most likely know; but it would be well for the clerk to run back through his minutes and be able to inform the nominating committee." It is evident from the above that Brother Simmons thinks the Associations are bound to conform their nominations to the action of the Convention. If they are so bound, the Convention bound them.

If the Convention bound them, it (the Convention) exercises authority over them in spite of the fact that article three of the Constitution reads as follows: "The Convention shall never possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or Association and is irrevocably committed to the cardinal principles that every church is sovereign." I attended my first session of the Convention in Aberdeen in 1885 and have missed only three sessions since that time. This is the first time that I can recall that the Convention has even attempted to exercise authority over an Association. It has scrupulously lived up to both the spirit and letter of the Constitution unless it be to make debts and claim that the debts are the debts of the churches and Association of which I have written in former articles.

Now that the Convention has begun to exercise authority over Associations how far will the Convention go in the exercise of this authority and to what extent will the Associations endure it? If the Convention has authority to saw how many terms the Association may nominate its members on the State Board it has authority to tell the Association how many years its moderator and clerk may serve. Now that the Convention is attempting to exercise authority over Associations the next step is to exercise authority over the churches and tell them how long they may retain a pastor.

Look out, Gates! The next Convention may issue an order in some form to your church to dismiss you for no reason except your long term as pastor. Since the time element and time element alone is now considered in removing men from membership on our several Boards and Commissions, look out ye heads and employees of our several institutions.

The time element will get you sooner or later as it has gotten the membership of your Boards. As the story goes, a country boy wanted a yoke of calves and had only one calf. He conceived the idea of yoking himself with the calf. The calf ran away with him. At first the boy cried: "Whoa, Whoa!! Whoa!!!" The calf continued to run. The boy then screamed: "Head us! Head us!! Head us!!!"

In this matter of our Convention exercising authority over Associations, I cry at the top of my voice: "HEAD US! HEAD US! HEAD US!"

### THE STRANGER WITHIN THY GATES

To the average church member, the average reader of religious publication and perhaps, though it is a dreadful commentary, to the average pastor, home missions have never been a challenge.

We see foreign missions through an aura of removal, but it is hard to envision the dirty section of the city, or the run-down rural community just out of town, as a mission field.

So, too long now, we have left home missions, a job that every member of every church in the South is responsible for, to a mere handful of dedicated people in vast fields of need.

Useful though it is, there is certainly very little vision in a gift by a person or a church to go to the "poor benighted heathen," when people are starving for Christ two blocks down the street. We have failed to recognize that such a field need not embrace any geographical division, but can be bounded as well by a national group, or by a state of mind.

The Home Mission Board and conferees here during their annual conference made none of those statements. They told of the work being done, of the marvelous development that has come, and of the unsurpassed challenge. They projected their talking and thinking not only to a more complete covering of the fields now being served, but to other groups now virtually untouched.

We must learn that "It is just as Christian to preach the gospel to the cook in the kitchen as to carry the gospel to Africa," to quote Dr. John L. Hill, and again, in the words of Dr. J. F. Plainfield, "The greatest foreign mission field is right here in the home land, because we have the challenge of all nations right here."

It must be a question of preaching the gospel to, and winning, the vast pagan groups in Christian America."

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

I have a watch to keep,  
And if I fail,  
If I let work—or sleep  
Or care prevail,  
And do not pause to pray  
To God at dawn;  
When at the close of day,  
I sit and yawn,  
Not only body then,  
But soul is tired,  
Because my day has been  
Not God-inspired.

Mrs. C. G. Paulsen,  
Tangipahoe Church,  
McComb, Mississippi.

—BR—

"Have you noticed the latest thing in men's clothes?"

"Yes, women."

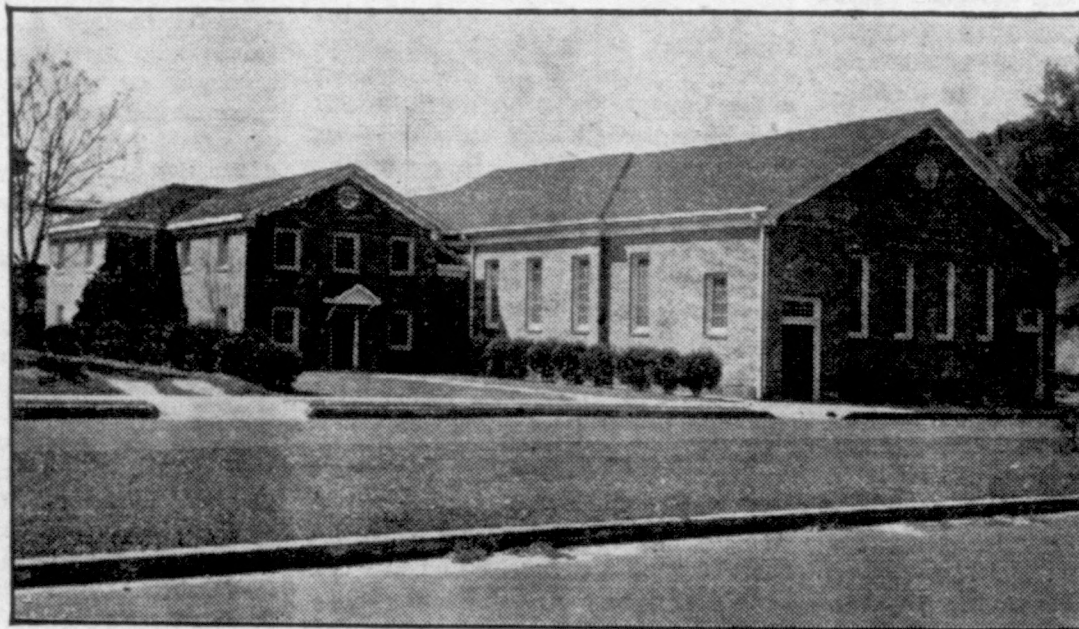
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OLD CHURCH BUILDING EAST McCOMB BAPTIST CHURCH



PRESENT PLANT EAST McCOMB BAPTIST CHURCH

**EAST McCOMB CHURCH WILL  
OBSERVE PASTOR'S 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

The East McComb Baptist Church had its beginning as a Sunday school. Its first meetings were held in a small frame building. After the Sunday school grew, it was decided by Rev. S. W. Sibley that there was a possibility of a Baptist church, and in 1901 a church was organized. Aug. 18, 1901 the first building was dedicated. Brother Sibley was the pastor for one year.

The Woman's Missionary Society was also organized Oct. 17, 1901. Mrs. Gess, president; Mrs. Sternberger, secretary, and Mrs. Dan Harvey, treasurer. However, the women had been doing a great bit of work before the church was organized, this marked their first organization. They had six members present.

The church has had several pastors—Rev. S. W. Sibley, Rev. J. B. Quin, Rev. F. E. Butler, Rev. W. A. Gill, Rev. P. S. Rogers, Rev. J. H. Lane, Rev. W. H. Williams, Rev. W. A. Gill, Rev. H. P. Porter, co-pastor at present with Brother Gill.

While Rev. W. H. Williams was pastor, the church went to full time work. Sept. 28, 1919, Rev. W. A. Gill came to be pastor of the church for

the second time, and for the past twenty-four years he has been serving. Brother H. P. Porter came the first of January, 1943, as the associate pastor with Rev. Gill.

The church was organized in 1901 with a membership of thirty. It has grown until last year the church reported 956 to the association. Since that we have gained forty members.

The church still has two charter members, Mrs. J. M. Patterson and Mr. T. Elzie Jordan, of McComb, Miss.

Brother Gill has seen great progress in the church since he came back. Soon after he came, 1919, the church bought the pastor's home. The church building has been remodeled several times since its beginning. The baptistry was built. The addition on the front and the Sunday school annex in the rear. In 1938-39 the new educational building was added, which made an addition of twelve rooms. The church and the educational building are brick veneer. In 1939-40 the all-steel, comfortable and spacious tabernacle was built. We have at present 18 classrooms and 18 classes in the Sunday school and could use many more. But for the duration we cannot build. We have over four hundred in the Sunday school. W. P. Crawford is the superintendent.

Our B. T. U. is working and growing under the leadership of Mr. A. A. Scarborough. We have four unions and they are growing.

Don't forget that we have the EF plan in our church.

The Board of Deacons consists of twenty-three members with Mr. Theo Holmes, chairman.

The W. M. U. has also made great progress. There are now four circles with large membership and attendance in each. The W. M. U. has recently furnished and dedicated a living room in the boys' building at the Baptist Orphanage, in honor of Rev. Gill.

We have an Andrew Club that is doing great work also.

The program for Sunday, September 5, 1943, is being worked out by members of the church, and we are expecting a great day. Special music will be rendered by quartettes, deacons will sit in a body with other church officers, and Brother Gill will bring the morning message.

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"Christianity is not a restraint but an inspiration—not a weight but wings; not subtraction but addition."  
—H. E. Brown.

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REV. W. A. GILL  
Begins 25th Year at East McComb



REV. H. P. PORTER  
Co-Pastor, East McComb Church

"Practically every belligerent country except the United States has taken governmental action to curtail the drinking of liquor. They demand sobriety and curtailment of wasteful activity. Canada, finally, has rationed liquor officially. Germany has restricted all alcoholic beverages. England, Russia, Japan have done the same. America stands alone in her shame before a wiser world."—Presbyterian Voice.

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**HICKORY FLAT REVIVAL SEES  
SATAN'S IMAGE DESTROYED,  
CAST OUT**

Hickory Flat, Aug. 23—Just after Rev. A. B. Pierce, Baptist minister had concluded his sermon one night last week, while he was in the midst of a revival at the old Wallerville church, an opportunity was offered for those who wanted to accept Christ to come forward.

The devil, in the image of a very large moccasin snake came crawling up the aisle toward the minister. The services were interrupted for a brief spell until some of the members killed the serpent and cast him out.

How the snake could have obtained entrance into the modern new brick building is a mystery to members.

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"Christianity leaves a trail of light wherever it goes; it can keep you cool under confusion, bring you up smiling from any deeps and utterly banish your fret and worry."—H. E. Brown.



## I BELIEVE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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we realize. Many more would do so if their education had had its proper foundation in Christian education. Only through sound religious education can young people come to learn that the Christian faith is a practical working formula from successful living, not a mere course of study to be elected like a course in Shakespeare.

The post-graduate course in Christian education of which I am now thinking is more practical than any of the specialized courses chosen to fit young men and women to enter any profession or trade since it would fit them fundamentally for the basic business of living, whatever profession they chose to enter. That education should help young people to distinguish unerringly between right and wrong. Perception of the exact and unbridgeable difference between these two is the key to all successful human relations, to business success and to a full life for the individual.

Only sound Christian education can teach young people that to know and do the right, will and must, result in success; that to hedge or compromise with the right is wrong; and that doing wrong can only result in disappointment and failure.

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## WORK OF CHAPLAINS IN FRONT LINES TOLD BY CHAPLAIN COMMENDED FOR ATTU SERVICE

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the fray, the chaplain learned where the stiffest Jap resistance was and therefore where casualties would be greatest. He made it a point to visit these troops before the attack.

"Troops appreciate the presence of a chaplain in the tense moments awaiting orders to advance," Chaplain Busse said. "Most of them quietly say their prayers. Those who have never learned to pray seem to feel, if the chaplain is in sight, that everything will be all right. They seem to say: 'The chaplain is praying for us.'"

At one time after an enforced absence Chaplain Busse returned to a frontline machine gun position. "To get there I had to seek and follow all concealment possible," he said. "The last 50 feet I made a dash and jumped into their emplacement. I learned they had heard I was killed. It was a joy to see their gladness in having their chaplain back.

"Chaplains had many opportunities to help the wounded while others were being evacuated," Chaplain Busse added. "I found that in many cases a bar 'D' ration, given to a wounded man, with admonition to eat it slowly, helped in two ways. The chocolate raised blood temperature, cutting danger from exposure, and restored strength. Secondly, the very act of chewing kept their minds away from their predicament. Every chance I had I filled my pockets with 'D' ration and a few packages of cigarettes."

Chaplains should travel light, he pointed out. "If you are not loaded down there are many times when a lagging soldier can be helped with his load and if you have a heavy load you can't support a wounded man."

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## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

### Called and Accepted

W. M. Burns, Madison, Fla.  
F. E. Singleton, Alma, Ga.  
Luther J. Holcomb, Luther Rice Memorial, Washington, D. C.  
Elmer Morgan, Cullendale, Ark.  
M. H. Carder, Eastside, Elizabethton, Tenn.  
Dr. Geo. D. Heaton, Myers Park, Charlotte, N. C.  
Allen Buckley, Merryville, La.  
Maurice Hodgins, Shawmut, Ala.  
Hoyt G. Farr, Roswell Street, Marietta, Ga.  
H. H. Hurst, Calvary, Granite City, Ill.

E. P. Boston, Lawrence Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Wade East, Madill, Okla.  
Leroy Boland, Mantee, Miss.  
Charles E. Myers, Sulphur, Okla.  
John Brill, Fitzhugh, Okla.  
C. A. Alexander, Tuscumbia, Ala.

### Resigned

W. M. Burns, Milton, Fla.  
F. E. Singleton, 2nd, Macon, Ga.  
Luther J. Holcomb, Temple, Washington, D. C.  
Floyd Jenkins, Graymont, Ga.  
Elmer Morgan, Bearden, Ark.  
Roger M. Baxter, Portland, Ark.  
M. H. Carder, Fordtown, Tenn.  
Dr. A. O. Moore, Procter Street, Port Arthur, Texas.  
Allen Buckley, Lock Arbor, La.  
C. C. Pruette, Notasulga, Ala.  
Dr. Geo. D. Heaton, First, Lynchburg, Va.  
H. L. Ray, Harmony, Birmingham, Ala.

A. D. Nichols, Jamestown, Tenn.  
C. C. Slead, Marmaduke, Ark.  
J. H. Brown, Fairfield, Ill.  
Wade East, Emmanuel, Ardmore, Okla.  
John Brill, Calvin, Okla.  
W. B. Huntsberry, Hillcrest, Dallas, Texas.  
L. E. Dyer, Seymour, Mo.  
C. A. Alexander, Aberdeen, Miss.  
Leroy Boland, Isola, Miss.

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## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE PRAISED AS "BEST DENOMINATIONAL NAVY SCHOOL"

Captain Harry D. Power, U. S. N., director of V-12 training for the Eighth Naval District, ranks Mississippi College very high indeed among all the colleges in which these naval training units have been established.

Capt. Power, making a complete inspection of all naval and marine training units in the district, had inspected fourteen of these units before he reached Mississippi College. But "The Watch," publication of the V-12 unit at Mississippi College, quoted him as saying after his inspection there:

"This is the best denominational Navy school that I have visited during the course of my inspection."

That is high praise indeed from a competent source, high praise for the men in the unit and for the officials and faculty of Mississippi College. It is, as "The Watch" affirms, "a statement not to be passed off lightly."

Mississippi College and President D. M. Nelson's administration, however, have earned and received many other tributes in recent months and years. The manner in which Dr. Nelson and the Board foresaw the problems and opportunities the war would present to the colleges, and quickly and efficiently prepared the school to meet and serve in the emergency, has won the praise of other educational institutions and other War and Navy Department officials. But no college in our section has a better reputation in all fields and services.

All Mississippians have reason to share the Baptists' pride in this denominational institution. It serves State and Nation, and serves well.—Clarion-Ledger.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Frequently people send articles to The Baptist Record asking that the article be printed BUT that the original article be returned.

This is asking us to do extra work. It simply means that our office force must copy such articles.

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If the persons submitting articles wish a copy they should make two copies, retain one and send the other to us.

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## BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE IS DEBT FREE

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Institute in New Orleans, in 1917, represented the realization of a century-old dream of American Baptists. The first direct step toward the founding of the Institute was taken in 1914, when Dr. P. I. Lipsey, editor of The Baptist Record, described editorially the value of such a school. The proposed school was launched by the Southern Baptist Convention itself in its session at New Orleans in 1917. The Home Mission and Sunday School Boards were instructed to cooperate with other interested groups in the establishing of the Institute. Under these auspices the school was established in New Orleans and opened its first session in 1918 under the leadership of Dr. B. H. DeMent. In 1925 ownership and control of the Institute were formally assumed by the Southern Baptist Convention. It has since been operated by this body as a Southwide Christian training school and theological seminary.

Looking back over the twenty-five years of its existence, the Baptist Bible Institute, among other things, may claim the following accomplishments:

It has provided a half-million dollars of equipment, and a faculty and library in which the very highest type of Christian scholarship is developed. 1,773 young men and women have been trained for more effective service in our Baptist churches and on the mission fields. Baptists have gained a stronghold in the city of New Orleans, in large measure due to the work of B. B. I. students. Instead of six small churches, only one of which was self-supporting, there are now thirty vigorous Baptist churches in the city. In May of this year eight new mission stations were established, thereby creating some Baptist work in the last eight parishes (counties) of Louisiana where Baptists had had no work. Cooperation with local Baptist churches, the State Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board has made this possible. Literally thousands of men and women have been won to Christ. Students have reported 4,446 professions of faith for this year alone. The Baptist Bible Institute is a proven instrument of God and therefore a mighty asset to Southern Baptists.

## MORE CHAPLAINS ARE NEEDED

By Alfred Carpenter  
Superintendent of Camp Work

Tens of thousands of men in the Navy are without ministerial leadership, according to the Chief of Navy Chaplains. He urgently appeals to Southern Baptist ministers to consider prayerfully this grave situation.

The Army asks that we furnish an additional 197 chaplains before January 1. Our original 1943 quota was filled by July 1.

This call to ministers to the armed forces, together with the increased number of pastorless churches constitute a challenge to our churches that should be given priority in prayer. Only the leadership of the Holy Spirit is sufficient for these times.

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## FOUR MISSISSIPPI RADIO STATIONS CARRY NEW RELIGIOUS RADIO PROGRAM

Baptists are more and more utilizing the radio as a medium for reaching the masses with the gospel. Word has just reached us that an evangelistic broadcast originating in the First Baptist Church of Fairfield, Alabama, is being marvelously blessed of God. Within a few months some 40 stations have been signed to carry the program to millions of people over the Southland.

The broadcast is called "Faith of Our Fathers." The church has built modern studios in which to prepare transcribed programs. For some time these programs have been only 15 minutes in length, but on Sunday, September 5th, all stations will start carrying a new 30-minute broadcast.

The programs are in no sense "local church" programs, but are sent out for all Baptist churches to utilize in winning lost souls.

Hyman Appelman, the Christian Jew who is being used of God in winning so many souls, is the featured evangelist on the program. E. J. Daniels, pastor of the Fairfield church, is the director, and does some of the preaching. He had radio training before entering the ministry and handles all engineering problems as well as other details of the broadcast. Arrangements are being made to use many outstanding Baptist preachers on the broadcasts.

The "Faith of Our Fathers" program may be heard on Sundays over the following Mississippi stations:

WCBI—1400 Columbus, 8:30 a. m.  
WMIS—1490 Natchez, 5:30 p. m.  
WGCM—1240 Gulfport, 8:45 p. m.  
WSLI—1450 Jackson, 8:15 a. m.

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The First church, Augusta, Ga., has received into full membership, in absentia, 22 service men who were baptized in Africa by Chaplain Daniel P. Jenkins. Chaplain Jenkins, who has the rank of first lieutenant, has served several churches, but he now holds his membership in the First church, Augusta. The men who were baptized by the chaplain in Africa came from nine different states. They will all receive personal letters of greeting from the pastor and will hold a special place of affection in the hearts of the membership of this church. The pastor of this church is Dr. R. Paul Caudill.—Watchman-Examiner.



## DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

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Associate

### A Call to Colors

Next Sunday, the first Sunday in September, every individual union in the state should appoint a nominating committee. This committee should be charged with the responsibility of studying the membership of the union and suggesting officers for the coming term which will begin the first Sunday in October. During this first week the nominating committee will nominate the president only. The president should be elected the second Sunday in September, during that week the president will meet with the nominating committee and together they will study the membership and on the third Sunday all other officers will be elected. "This gives all officers two or more weeks in which to study their work and be ready to take over the first Sunday in October. Between the third and fourth Sundays in September the newly elected officers will meet and re-organize the union, making up the groups and committees. This organization will be adopted on the fourth Sunday. During the week between the fourth and first Sundays the union will conduct a clinic for several evenings at which each officer and committee will be taught, discuss and plan details for their work for the first month, or October. If this much care is given to the election of officers and the training of these officers' success awaits the work of the union. Why not do it the right way? Next Sunday, the first Sunday in September, every individual union in the state should appoint a nominating committee.

Thinking of the "Call to Colors" we are taking it for granted that every church has already elected its general officers for both Training Union and Sunday school. These officers need from four to six weeks for study and other necessary preparation if they really expect to start the new year with hope of progress and success.

The "Call to Colors" applies to the associational officers also. Here the regular association elects the associational Training Union director as well as other associational officers. Let the nominating committee in each case prayerfully select these leaders. Too often a leader is elected in his absence, and sometime this person is never consulted about it beforehand, and occasionally they are elected and then not notified of the election. We surely want to do God's work in a better way than that.

The American Bible Society, with headquarters in New York City publishes the Bible in over 200 languages and distributes them among 40 countries. From eight to ten million copies go out every year. On foreign fields they are sold below cost in order that a large circulation may be possible. Scriptures for the blind are furnished in several languages, and although they cost the Society from \$2.00 to \$8.00 they are sold at a uniform price of 25c per volume. To the blind who can pay nothing, the books

are given free. To the armed forces, war prisoners, refugees, inmates of penal institutions, and many others in special need, the Scriptures are given without charge. Voluntary gifts make possible this fine service of the Society and Southern Baptists are just beginning to have a part in this splendid work. If you are interested in having a part in this you may write to Rev. Thomas T. Holloway, 1914 Main Street, Dallas, Texas. He is a Baptist and associate district secretary of the Society. We appreciate the good work of the Society and are happy to recommend this as a worthy place to make an investment.

### Congratulations, Southside Jackson

Southside Jackson, the "baby" church in Jackson, having only been organized a few years, is carrying on a great program in every way. A group of people waiting for a leader rallied to the appeal of Brother and Mrs. Percy Cooper, who came from the Baptist Bible Institute, saw the need and opportunity and went to work. In five years they have built a membership of several hundred, built a splendid church building, bought and remodeled a home for the pastor and in the last few months raised his salary by \$5.00 a month. Their Training Union and other organizations are functioning well. It was the pleasure of your state Training Union secretary to worship with them Sunday, Aug. 22. That night they had 16 present in the B. A. U. and EVERY ONE of the 16 had done his daily Bible readings for the week. Brother J. C. Kelly, president of the B. A. U. was justly proud of that record. The church that morning elected general officers for the coming year. Mr. I. F. Willson was elected Training Union director. This gives him six weeks in which to get ready for this big job, so it's Congratulations, Southside Jackson.

We are glad to add the name of Mr. Paul Horan to our list of directors. Mr. Horan has been elected to the office of director in the Lexington church. Pastor Homer W. Roberson is the pastor and Mr. Horan will find in him a friend and co-worker. This good church has also added an educational director. Miss Sidney Cunningham takes over this important post and we welcome her into the circle of full time religious workers.

### It Happened at Ridgecrest

A word from a Training Union director who attended the Ridgecrest assembly will be helpful: "I really feel encouraged now. We had a good attendance last Sunday. I feel that the inspiration gained at Ridgecrest has certainly helped me, and I feel that I would be an ingrate if I did not put into practice some of the things I learned while at Ridgecrest."

Sunday night at Oxford an interesting program was given by the young people who attended one of the Ridgecrest assemblies this summer. There were about a dozen who went and so the time for the evening service was divided among them and it



REV. H. H. BASS  
MT. ZION HAS AN OUTSTANDING  
PRAYER MEETING

One of the outstanding things about Mt. Zion church, DeSoto county, is the prayer meeting and its result. This prayer meeting was begun by the pastor, H. H. Bass, at the close of a revival in August 1942. It meets on Saturday night. In spite of the fact that many members have been Christians only a year, there are many who lead public prayers, testify and read the Scripture.

P. O. Davidson, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, did the preaching during our recent revival which resulted in 11 additions.

The Sunday school is being re-organized following a study course taught by Miss Carolyn Madison. The superintendent is E. A. Medlin.—Mrs. H. H. Bass.

### NOTICE TO ALL POETS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Evidently, the past few days of hot weather has caused an outpouring of poetry. At least The Baptist Record has been flooded with poems and some alleged poems. It is impossible for us to write all that have sent in poems, so please take this as a reply.

We have now on hand enough poetry for the next twelve months. So, some of these poems will have to wait many, many months before publication. Anybody contemplating sending a poem will get it published just as soon if they wait several months.

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Longview Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, assisted Brother E. T. Putnam in a revival meeting at Clear Springs church, Choctaw county, during the week of August 2. There were four professions of faith. This was the fourth time Brother Patterson helped in a revival at this church. Filer J. Seal, pastor of Second Baptist church, Bogalusa, Louisiana, was with Earl Cooper, pastor at Georgetown in a good revival recently. There were 15 additions.

"I do not know of a church member who has dropped out of active duty, who has not become a spiritual man."—Dr. W. Marshall Craig.

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proved to be a high hour in the church.

## Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects  
Service

**FAVORITE HYMNS**—Many old hymns of the church, such as, "The Old Rugged Cross," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Rock of Ages," "I Love to Tell the Story," "God Will Take Care of You" and "Blessed Assurance," are being sung by our soldiers, according to a report from Chaplain Charles E. Brown of the Fifth American Army in North Africa. Recently, someone made the remark that the last war was a "singing war," and this one is a "praying war." History reveals the fact that our soldiers and sailors have always been a singing and praying group. Also, that our great generals pray. The prayers of Washington, Lee, Grant, and others are often seen in print. Then, in more recent months, those of Gen. MacArthur have impressed Christian people of America. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."—Tennyson.

**DEFENSE AND VISITATION**—Baptist pastors, churches, Sunday school officers, and teachers in defense centers of Mississippi have a continuous program of visitation. This program has been the means of enlisting many new residents, who have come to accept war jobs, to come into the local churches. Results—church strengthened, Sunday schools and B. T. U. attendance greatly increased, auditoriums filled on Sundays for worship, fine talent added to the church choir, etc. Churches with financial burdens are now financially independent. A visit in the name of Christ pays.

**FROM ONE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SERVICE CENTER**—These fine testimonies come. Is such help worthwhile? A soldier, a mere boy, was found on the front steps under the influence of alcohol. He was taken to the rear of the building where he was allowed to sleep for several hours. Later, awakened, he refreshed himself and helped prepare for a party to be held in the Center that evening. Before leaving the Center, the hostess presented Christ to this young man and these were his words: "For three years I have wanted to talk to someone about being a Christian." He accepted Christ and has returned a number of times since, rejoicing in the Lord.

Another 18-year-old youth, the son of a prominent Northern Baptist minister, who had one year in college, came to the Center one afternoon, lonely, disgusted, and discouraged as most young men are immediately after being inducted into the army. The hostess gave him food, talked with and advised him, besides praying for him as a mother. She also invited him to be with the young people during the recreational period in the Service Center that evening. He accepted the invitation and has been coming back to this fine spiritual atmosphere provided by the church. The hostess writes that he seems so happy and grateful for it. "The fruits of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.



# CHINA AND HER PEOPLE

## CHINESE HOUSES

By T. W. Ayers,

Retired Missionary

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What is said of Chinese houses in this article will not include those to be found in the port cities, for there you find buildings just like those to be found in America or Europe, but



DR. T. W. AYERS

will be limited to the homes of the millions outside the great cities. All the houses in China are built of brick or stone. As all the forests have been cut down and lumber is so expensive a frame house is out of the question. Lumber is used only for the roof, the doors and windows. The floors are made of stone or brick. Much of the lumber used is shipped from America, and of course is much more expensive than it is here. The better grade houses are covered with tile, and the cheaper ones with straw, lime and dirt.

The houses are one story, built in rows, with court yards between them paved with stone. Sometimes trees are planted in these yards, bridges and rock gardens and peony mountains are made, lilac bushes, roses and other flowers are grown.

The houses are inclosed by a stone wall about ten feet high, with broken pieces of glass on top. The glass is used to prevent burglars from scaling the walls.

As you go down a narrow street in a city you are shut in by high walls on either side of the street. When you come to the house you want to enter you see a gateway with an attractive motto posted on it. It may be "The Five Happiness Come From Heaven" motto. The "Five Happiness" are children, official emoluments, long life, wealth and pleasure. Or it may be a motto which means "We Do Not Fear a Hundred Devils." Also on the gate is a large iron knocker, and just inside the gate is the gatekeeper's room on one side of the gate. When you knock, the gate-man opens the gate and takes your card. As you enter you see nothing of the court yard or the house; you are confronted by the devil screen, a stone wall directly in front of the gate. This devil screen keeps the evil spirits, which enter when the gate is opened, from getting to the houses, for they fly only in straight paths, and hence they crash against the devil screen and break their necks. The gateman leads you around the screen, and as you cross the compound going to the guest room you will likely feel uncomfortable as you pass near a fierce watch dog, which is chained during the day, but at night they are turned loose. As you enter the guest room you are impressed with the beautiful paper on the windows, which they use instead of glass, with the beautifully carved tables, cabinets filled with rare pieces of porcelain, much of it hundreds of years old. Then on the walls are silk scrolls and celebrated paintings.

Back of the guest room are rows of houses to accommodate the family

and servants.

The foregoing is a meager description of the houses of the wealthy, while the homes of the poorer classes are much less pretentious.

The one story house is so universal that there are millions of old people in China who have never seen a two-story building.

My first two years in China were spent in a Chinese one-story house, with walls around it so tall that when in the court yards one could see only the high walls and the heavens above. One of the happiest moments of my life was when I received a check from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board for \$3,000 to buy a lot and build a dwelling. This came with instructions to build a house large enough to house the new missionaries to be sent until they could secure a home. After much thought and prayer, Mrs. Ayers and I decided to build a two-story, eight-room house, and to furnish it as best we could with American furniture so as to let the Chinese who came to see us see an American home.

When the house was completed, with the high wall around it, the upper story could be seen from the street, and it became such a show place that we decided to open it up and invite the Chinese to come and see us at their New Year time, which starts on the first day of the first moon, which usually comes early in February. This is the time when all the Chinese dress up in new clothes and start on a month's vacation, which they spend in visiting and feasting. All business is suspended from two to four weeks. It is the only happy vacation period of the year. We posted notices on the front gate stating that during the New Year our home would be open to visitors. The first three days of the New Year are given over to the men. They go out on parade while the women remain at home. During these three days, hundreds and hundreds of men came, and all who came heard the gospel preached, and it was the first time that many of them had ever heard it.

After the three days the men remained at home and the women came out for the one time in the year when they have the liberty of getting out from behind their walls. They are never seen walking on the streets. Neither do they have the pleasure of going to a store for shopping. This is indeed an occasion for them. They came as our guests in larger numbers than the men, and they came dressed in their best garments. It was in watching them that I noticed one difference in the Chinese and American woman: the Chinese woman has more curiosity then does the man. The men were satisfied to look at American things that were new to them, but the women had to feel of everything they saw.

The main objective of these women was the upstairs; but when they looked up the steps they realized the difficulty of going up the steps with their little bound feet, for at that time only the few Christian women had natural feet. Finally an old mother-in-law came to the rescue by saying to them that it was easy, and got on her knees and began to crawl up, while the others quickly followed in like manner. After getting upstairs, they continued to look and feel. One thing of special interest to them was the American bed, for it was so different from their hard brickbeds. One

of the younger women rushed up and as she pressed down on the bed, the springs went down and up. This so frightened her that she sprang back and cried out that there were devils in there. To allay their fright Mrs. Ayers lifted up the mattress and let them see the springs. They were amazed to see such things on a bed.

After looking and feeling of everything upstairs, to get down the steps was a harder proposition than going up them; but another old mother-in-law came to the rescue by announcing that it was easy. She led the way by sitting down on the top step and went down bump, bump, bump, with all following in like manner. They, too, heard the gospel as a new, new story.

During the month hundreds of men and women heard the story of Jesus for the first time, and some of them were later led step by step to Jesus and were saved.

Mrs. Ayers and I were always glad that we kept open house for the Chinese on this occasion.

—BR—

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## SOMEWHERE

Somewhere there is a command to abstain from all appearance of evil. Somewhere one said, "I press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Somewhere it is said that "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Somewhere it has been said that "I am a part of all I have seen."

Somewhere many small children, and some larger ones are very scantily clothed. Shall we say "style" demands it?

What line of thoughts may arise in the minds of children? What in the minds of teen-age or elders? What may be the effect?

But apart from all morality or Christianity direct, it is a wonder that the health is so good as it is of these helpless little ones sent out as they are into cold, storm, rain, sleet, snow, with clothes half thigh high or higher.

Sometime. Somewhere. . . .

By grace are ye saved.

We are often thoughtless.

We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works.—B. Thoughtful.

## MONTHLY REPORT—SOUTHWIDE FUNDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary

July, 1943

### RECEIPTS

	Cooperative Program	Designated	H. T. Club	Total
S. B. C. Notes Payable			15,163.75	98,585.51
Alabama	10,429.77	5,972.39	3,380.33	19,782.49
Arkansas	4,750.00	305.08	2,445.20	7,500.28
Arizona	253.90	14.00	212.69	480.59
California				
District of Columbia	1,484.99	554.24	303.80	2,343.03
Florida	8,404.88	1,435.84	1,787.50	11,628.22
Georgia	14,017.08	3,138.53	6,118.35	23,273.96
Illinois	3,327.67	1,060.23	1,109.43	5,497.33
Kentucky	18,430.00	931.86	2,931.91	22,293.77
Louisiana	7,600.88	1,234.42	2,886.86	11,722.16
Maryland	2,534.19		469.38	3,003.57
Mississippi	9,430.53	1,310.56	1,915.04	12,656.13
Missouri	7,803.85	1,365.75	3,262.99	12,432.59
New Mexico	732.88	433.24	567.20	1,733.32
North Carolina	19,013.18	3,968.90	3,109.49	26,091.57
Oklahoma	1,924.40	2,151.44	2,822.40	6,898.24
South Carolina	17,036.64	76.25	2,629.41	19,742.30
Tennessee	20,956.90	2,285.87	1,942.22	25,184.99
Texas	14,583.33	10,800.72	6,232.11	31,616.16
Virginia	26,806.21		120.60	26,926.81
Totals for month	\$ 189,546.86	\$ 37,095.72	\$ 51,682.06	\$ 278,324.64
Year to date	\$1,232,317.90	\$866,151.44	\$437,436.24	\$2,535,905.58
1942 to date	\$ 893,419.48	\$908,605.42	\$226,375.11	\$2,028,400.01

### DISBURSEMENTS

	Current Month	Year to Date
Baptist Brotherhood of South	\$	\$ 7,500.00
Education Commission SBC		2,400.00
Special	\$ 25.58	\$ 56.40
Foreign Mission Board		\$ 7,435.15
Home Mission Board		\$ 1,110,237.58
Relief and Annuity Board		682,496.27
Southern Baptist Hospital		119,813.43
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary		48,706.20
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary		157,109.03
Baptist Bible Institute		172,248.25
W. M. U. (Training School and Designated)		17,741.66
American Baptist Theological Seminary		116,527.02
		6,506.11
		13,776.18
Total		\$278,324.64

From the above figures sent out by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, we see that almost 50 percent of these monies to date go for Foreign Missions and 25 percent to Home Missions. May their ministries increase along with all the other agencies serving the various causes of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## 25 Years Ago

Dr. Webb Brame, now chaplain and lieutenant, passed through Jackson Monday on his way to New Albany for a short visit before sailing for France. His family will make their home in his absence at Shreveport, La.

Some brother laid this wail of the disappointed voter on our desk. You may have seen some of this kind. The politician is my shepherd. I shall not want for cold drinks during the campaign. He leadeth me into the drug store for my vote's sake; he filleth my pockets with good cigars, my glass of Coca-Cola runneth over. He prepareth my ticket before me in the presence of my better judgment. Yea, though I walk through the mud and rain to vote for him and shout myself hoarse, when he is elected straightway he forgetteth me. Lo when I meet him in his own office he knoweth me not. Surely the wool has been pulled over my eyes all the days of my life and I should kick myself forever.

Dr. Provine states that all the boys the age of 18 or above should immediately get into a college which is recognized by the government with a S. A. T. C. unit.

Auber J. Wilds has four don'ts for B. Y. P. U.:

1. Don't be satisfied with anything short of an A-1 Union.
2. Don't be satisfied until you have "buried" all disagreeable habits and practices.
3. Don't be satisfied until you have a B. Y. P. U. in every church in your county.
4. Don't be satisfied until you have subscribed for The Baptist Record and written something for the B. Y. P. U. column.

Brother B. E. Phillips, now at Carthage, Texas, expects to return to Mississippi September 1 and would accept a pastorate. He went from Mississippi College a year ago to Fort Worth Seminary. Some church or churches would do well to secure his services, a true man, faithful pastor and good preacher.

Rev. L. G. Gates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurel, has returned from France where he went on special Y. M. C. A. work for a few months. He will have something interesting to tell and will greatly help the good cause to which he gave his time cheerfully.

### TEN BEST BOOKS

1. The Church and the New Order, Patton.
2. The Happy Family, Levy and Munroe.
3. Let the People Know, Angel.
4. Mother Berry of Blue Mountain, Guyton.
5. God Runs My Business, Lorimer.
6. On Being a Real Person, Fosdik.
7. Christianity and Our World, Bennett.
8. Get Thee Behind Me, Spence.
9. Lee's Lieutenants, Freeman.
10. The Gospel of Salvation, Appleman.

O. P. MOORE, Moorhead.



MISS SYBIL DEWEESE  
SYBIL DEWEESE IS ELECTED  
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR  
AT CARTHAGE

Miss Sybil Deweese has been chosen as educational director of the Carthage Baptist Church, and begins her new work on September 1. Pastor H. W. Shirley is enthusiastic over the addition of this fine worker. Miss Deweese conducted a Vacation Bible school in the church during the summer, and won the hearts of old and young by her excellent service and fine personality. Miss Deweese was educated at Hillman and Blue Mountain where she was an outstanding student. She was elected as "Miss Hillman," the highest honor which is conferred by the students. She took active part in the Sunday school and Training Union and in the Y. W. A. of the church.

The Spring Creek church in Neshoba county is her home church where she first received the vision of service. Pastor F. G. Wilborn states that she is one among many in training at that fine church. Pastor Shirley at Carthage has known her family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Deweese, for many years, having been pastor at Spring Creek when he resided at Philadelphia.

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### The following Associations meet next week:

- Benton—Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, September 7.
- Lafayette—Shiloh Baptist Church, September 7.
- Alcorn—First Baptist Church, Corinth, September 8.
- Monroe—New Prospect Baptist Church, September 8.
- Tippah—Chalybeate Baptist Church, September 8.
- Marshall—Potts Camp Baptist Church, September 9.
- Yalobusha—Elam Baptist Church, September 9.
- Lee—Richmond Baptist Church, September 10.

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### DANGER SIGNALS

A danger signal is something that indicates that there is trouble ahead and that unless a person proceeds with care and thought the results will be bad. A thoughtful person will heed these signals of danger.

In our church life there are conditions that can well be considered as indications that unless there is a change in our present pace and path there will be trouble ahead. As one who is in attendance at our worship services looks around over the church, he is struck with the fact that there are VERY FEW young people in the congregation. And this condition cannot be because so many of our boys have gone into the service. The young people who have not gone are not in the services. A few Sundays ago I attended services in a Louisiana church and I was struck with the fact that at least sixty percent of those in attendance were young people. It was a good service and it will remain a good church because they are training their young people to become church leaders. We must remember that in a few years the leaders in our church will be those who are young people today. I am worried about the future progress and work of our church because those who should become our leaders are not now forming the habit of church attendance. Parents, are you doing your part and are you being fair to your children when you do not see that they are regular in attendance at the church services? Maybe the young people do not understand why they should be at church, when their parents do not go themselves.

Another thing about which I am worried is the fact that so many of our boys have gone into all parts of the world to undergo great danger and suffering and probably to meet death, and their loved ones who are staying at home seem to have lost sight of the fact that God is the real source of strength, protection and safety for those boys. If a human being in Brookhaven could give us assurance of the ability to bring those boys safely back, we would solicit his support and encourage his interest in our boys in every way we could. I feel that my loved ones in places of danger deserve my greatest devotion to God. The closer we stay to God, the greater the safety and comfort of those who are fighting for me. I worry that in spite of the fact that folks claim that they believe that God is able to care for us and protect us and our loved ones, they do not seem to have any interest in attending His services and doing His work. The greatest thing that you can do for your loved one who is serving his country is to be loyal to God and serve Him in every way you can. "If my people who call themselves by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face; then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sins and will heal their land." God has more to do with the outcome of this war than we give Him credit for.—Brookhaven Church Bulletin.



1. Seven is a lucky number of Biblical times. Who bowed seven times to his brother?
2. What do you know about the "Thumb Bible," published in 1670 at Aberdeen?
3. Can you name a Bible character who never owned a home, had no family, never went to college, and never traveled more than two hundred miles from the place of birth?
4. The money-changers cast out of the temple by Jesus charged unusually high percentages. What was the amount in today's money?

(Correct answers on Page 15.)

### PERRY MORGAN SERIOUSLY ILL

Ridgecrest, Aug. 25—Perry Morgan, for seven years manager of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, is seriously ill in the Aston Park Hospital at Asheville. He was stricken on Wednesday, August 18, and was moved to the hospital from his home on the assembly grounds the following day, when he underwent an operation for acute gall bladder.

Despite the weakness of the patient, the doctors called the operation necessary, and the operation itself proved them right. Mr. Morgan stood the surgery well, and has recovered slowly since. Serious complications, including pneumonia, have since developed, but it is hoped that despite the gravity of his condition, he may continue to improve.

The long-time manager of the assembly is a native of North Carolina, from Dunn, and served in several capacities with the Baptists of the state before moving to the mountains to take over the Southern Baptist Assembly north of Asheville.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for September 5

ISRAEL, THE HOLY NATION

Bible Texts: Leviticus 19:1-4, 11-18, 32-34

### Introduction.

The name of this book means the Levitical Book, the book of the Levites, the book of the laws of the Levites, the book of laws to be followed by the Levites in their ministrations as leaders of the religious life of the nation. Hence, it is the book which contains the laws of the sacrifices and offerings. God selected for Himself and called out to Himself a holy people, a devoted people, a people through whom He purposed to speak to the world; and He began to educate this people, this people not so much different from other people except that He had selected them to be His own peculiar possession to grow into an excellent people for His purpose. As the father of the Webster boys, Daniel and Ezekiel, selected Daniel to be sent to college, so the Lord selected this nation, Israel, from among the nations of the world, to learn to know Him and in turn to teach the world to know, to learn to know Him in order that they might teach the world to know Him. He selected this nation, and they thus became His elect people, His chosen people, His holy people, His devoted people. They were His chosen people, hence under obligation to devote themselves to Him. A promising student of the violin was given a scholarship by the great old maestro that she might become exceptional. She came home to her parents after a week of instruction, weary from the work she had been doing, and told her parents that the old master kept her for hours each day at work with her violin in a tiny room between his inner and his outer office, where he could hear her performance from whichever room he was in, and that he was working her to death, having said, "If I give you a scholarship, then your progress must warrant that gift, and in order to reach that end, you must work harder and longer than any other student I have." So God's dealings with

the holy people, the fact that they were His Holy people meant little more in the beginning than that He expected them to work harder to become excellent than any other people in the world. After He chose them and delivered them out of bondage in Egypt that He might have them where He could get at them and lead them and give them a chance to learn instruction, the next step was to give them rules, laws, in the observance of which they were to become orderly, disciplined in the doing of the good, able through their living to demonstrate to the nations round about the difference between the people who followed God and those who did not. The great God was to train them for this very purpose, that they might make Him known as the God of the pure and the clean among all the nations.

I. The Law of Filial Respect. "Ye Shall Fear Every Man His Mother and His Father." Lev. 19:3.

This is fundamental. The parent stands in the beginning of the life of every child, in a very peculiar sense, in the place of God. Fatherhood means that the life of the father has flowed over into the life of the child, or, rather, has flowed over as the life of the child, has become in its overflow the source of the life of the child. The physical life of the child has its source in the overflow of the life of the father, exactly, we may almost say, as the spiritual life of the child of God has its source in the overflow of the spirit life of our heavenly Father. The child that learns early to respect those who gave him spiritual life, will have a great advantage in growing up to respect the divine origin of His spiritual life. The best Christians are made out of boys and girls who have had respect for their earthly parents.

II. The Law of Respect for God.

"Ye shall keep my sabbaths: I am Jehovah your God." From respect and reverence of earthly parents up to respect and reverence of the heavenly Father, this is the line of normal progress. The baby grows to know his parents first; maybe I should say, "The baby should learn to know his parents first," that his parents should see that he does. And then binding upon his parents as anything can be in this world, is the obligation of his parents to see to it that the child comes to know God. Fluent Bob Lee of Bellevue, Memphis, says, "A child born into a Godless home is more damned into the world than born into it" (sermon dedicating First Baptist Church, Senatobia). It is my positive conviction that no man has a right to become a father, no woman a right to become a mother without the fixed purpose to rear the offspring in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Now, what is the Lord's sabbath for? Please, now, do not attempt to get me into a discussion as to which day is the day, or whether it has been the same through the years. You will pardon me, I believe that makes no whit of difference, so long as one of the seven is so kept. And the purpose of that day, primary and fundamental, is that upon it every week men may give themselves to the privilege of learning and teaching to their children the glorious things spoken of the Lord, not only, but also the more intimate things they may learn through their fellowship with His Spirit. Men grow into normal human

### NEW PROFESSOR AT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant has just accepted the position of professor of theology in the Baptist Bible Institute. He comes as an addition to the faculty, making now a total of eleven full-time professors at the Baptist Bible Institute. For the past year he has been professor of Bible at Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Missouri.

Dr. St. Amant is a native of Louisiana. His father, Dr. L. P. St. Amant, is a well-known Louisiana Baptist layman. Dr. St. Amant comes to his responsibilities at the Baptist Bible Institute well equipped. He was graduated from high school in Gonzales, Louisiana, in 1932. He then attended Louisiana Baptist College, graduating in 1936 with his A. B. degree as salutatorian of his class. Throughout his college career he was active in Baptist student work, serving as president of the Louisiana Student Union in 1934-35. He next secured his M. A. degree from Louisiana State University, majoring in history and philosophy. In 1942 he was graduated from the Baptist Bible Institute with a Th.D. degree, earning the highest predicate given by the school, summa cum laude. While a student in B. B. I., he served as graduate fellow in church history. He has spent the summers of 1942 and 1943 studying in Columbia University, preparatory to receiving the Ph.D. degree. He brings to his task as professor of theology a reputation for scholarship that is already established. Loyalty to Baptist prin-

ciples only as they come to know Him. The sabbath was set aside for this purpose, and, next to the home, I firmly believe it is the greatest institution God has given His people. The trend of our times toward the secularization of the Lord's day packs within it the greatest threat to our civilization of anything which may be said to menace it today. Let me make this statement emphatic by saying that the trend toward the secularization of the Lord's day in our time contains a greater menace to our civilization, to our way of life, to our Americanism, than all the armies of Hitler, Italy, Hirohito. Chew on that. It is the Lord's truth.

III. Social Laws.

1. "Ye shall not deal falsely, nor lie one to another." No thief, no false dealer, no liar. These are the demands of the Lord with reference to our neighbors.

2. Respect for old age. "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man." Like veterans of many wars who upon many fields have offered their bodies to be slain for their firesides and their native countries, so the veterans of the battle of life merit our reverence.

3. Respect for the stranger. "If a stranger sojourn with thee . . . you shall do him no wrong. The stranger that sojourneth with thee in your land shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself."

They had been sojourners in the land of Egypt, so this provision should make a powerful appeal to them. The fact that they were Jehovah's missionaries to the nations made it obligatory upon them to manifest the spirit of their merciful and loving God to all men, including the stranger within their gates.

### DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR September

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ciples is not only a part of his heritage, but is fundamental in his convictions. He has displayed a breadth of vision which is, at the same time, centered in the Bible as the divinely inspired Word of God. He brings a deep personal devotion and a missionary spirit to his new work.

The Baptist Bible Institute is looking forward to a fine session, with enrollment already above that of last session. Every effort has been made to enlarge the facilities, in order to take care of an increase in applications. Recent appeals to various W. M. U. organizations by the W. M. U. advisory board of the Baptist Bible Institute have secured sufficient funds to begin the renovation of the men's dormitory. New apartments have been opened to care for married students. This "School of Providence and Prayer" is now looking upon the brightest opportunities of its existence.

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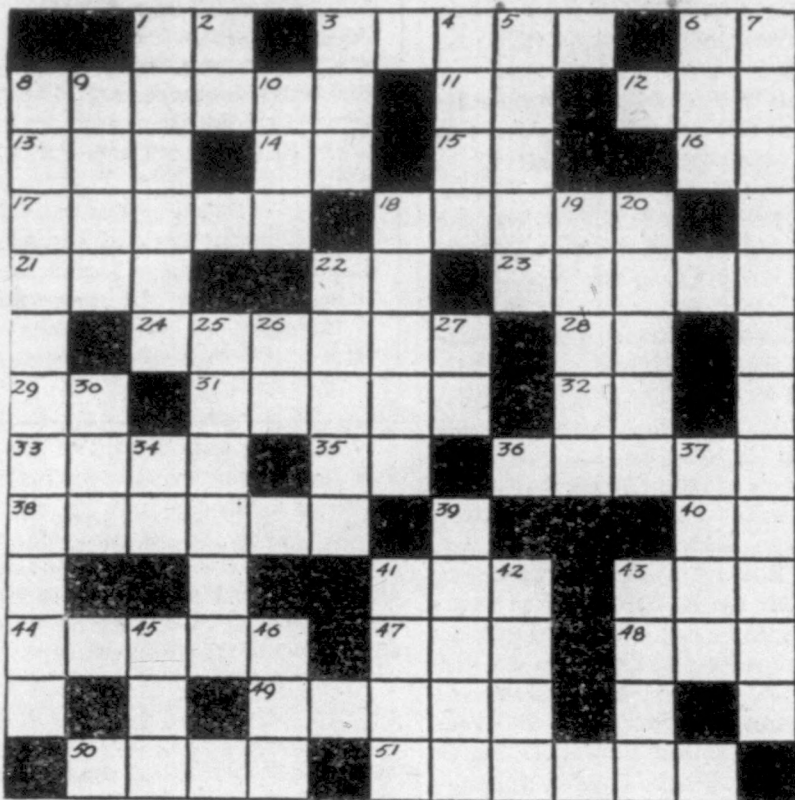
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## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."—Ps. 105:1.

## THANKFULNESS

## ACROSS

- 1 "give thee thanks . . . the great congregation," Ps. 35:18.
- 3 "stand . . . morning to thank and praise," I Chron. 23:30.
- 6 "were . . . one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking," II Chron. 5:13.
- 8 "What shall I . . . unto the Lord for all his benefits," Ps. 116:12.
- 11 Eastern state.
- 12 Eldest son of Caleb, I Chron. 4:15.
- 13 "if any of you do . . . from the truth," Jas. 5:19.
- 14 Promissory note.
- 15 "pleasant . . . is for brethren to dwell together in unity," Ps. 133:1.
- 16 Township.
- 17 "my . . . shall praise thee," Ps. 63:5.
- 18 "be thankful unto him, and . . . his name," Ps. 100:4.
- 21 Nineteenth letter of the alphabet.
- 22 "offer . . . thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving," Ps. 116:17.
- 23 "His soul shall . . . at ease," Ps. 25:13.
- 24 ". . . the Lord with thy substance," Prov. 3:9.
- 28 Ancestor of Jesus, Luke 3:28.
- 29 "But God . . . thanked," Rom. 6:17.
- 31 "pleasant . . . it is for the eyes to," Eccl. 11:7.
- 32 Authorized version (the Bible).
- 33 "give thee . . . from thy sorrow," Isa. 14:3.
- 35 Low Dutch; lord.
- 36 Center of amphitheater.
- 38 "I thank my God . . . on your behalf," I Cor. 1:4.
- 40 Old Testament.
- 41 "thanks to him that . . . on the throne," Rev. 4:9.
- 43 King of Hamath in the days of David, II Sam. 8:9.
- 44 "For this . . . also thank we God," I Thess. 2:13.
- 47 Greek letter.
- 48 City of Benjamin, I Chron. 8:12.
- 49 Act in opposition.

- 50 "O . . . thanks unto the Lord," Ps. 105:1.
- 51 "and gave . . . to God," Acts 27:35.

Our text is 1, 3, 31, 50 and 51 combined.

## DOWN

- 1 A rushing in.
- 2 No date; North Dakota.
- 3 Sea eagle.
- 4 "fear no . . . for thou art with me," Ps. 23:4.
- 5 Appraised.
- 6 "which . . . and wast, and . . . to come," Rev. 11:17.
- 7 "by prayer and . . . with thanksgiving," Phil. 4:6.
- 8 "give thanks at the . . . of his holiness," Ps. 30:4.
- 9 God of love (Greek myth).
- 10 Ephesians.
- 18 "We are . . . to thank God," II Thess. 1:3.
- 19 ". . . not at all," Matt. 5:34.
- 20 "I thank God whom I . . . from my forefathers," II Tim. 1:3.
- 22 "hath made me forget all my . . ." Gen. 41:51 (pl.).
- 25 Fragrant oils obtained from roses (var.).
- 26 Northeastern state.
- 27 Right guard (football).
- 30 Snake-like fish.
- 34 Compass point.
- 37 "about . . . suddenly there shone from heaven," Acts. 22:6.
- 39 "in pray, and . . . in the same with thanksgiving," Col. 4:2.
- 41 "nor sitteth in the . . . of the scornful," Ps. 1:1.
- 42 Goodbye (familiar).
- 43 "he . . . the cup, and gave thanks," Matt. 26:27.
- 45 Son of Hur, Ex. 31:2.
- 46 "how long will it be . . . they believe me," Num. 14:11.

## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

THOU SHALT AT  
ERN WORSHIP  
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BEFORE ASTER  
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TEE THY GOD  
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SHALT THOU IV  
SLY LO SERVE

AS JESUS SEES THE INDIANS  
By J. W. Beagle

In the fall of 1925, I made my first visit to the Indian mission field on the Home Mission Board. At that time we had twenty workers, eighteen of whom were white and two Indian.

William Harris, when asked why one of the churches had been named the Only Way Church, replied, "Is there any other way?" He and William Burgess were very listening characters.

On this initial visit I had an experience that gave me a profound love for the American Indians. I was invited to an Indian powwow and urged to talk and entertain them, which I reluctantly did.

While waiting on the interpreter to tell them what I had said, I had a profound thought that caused me to forget what I was telling.

When told to continue, I replied, "I cannot for I have had a thought."

When this statement was interpreted to the Indians as "White man can't go on for he had a thought," the Indians laughed and cheered over the funny idea that a white man could have a thought. There was but one alternative left me, so I told them my thought.

Would you like to see and feel toward these Indians as Jesus sees and feels toward them? When this was interpreted they became very serious, but that thought lingers with me still and I try to see and feel toward the more than 200,000 Indians in our homeland today—less than 20,000 of whom are Baptists—as Jesus sees and feels toward them.

## Well Trained Workers

My heart is thrilled with holy joy as I contact the seventy-three workers on various Indian mission fields today, knowing that fifty-four of these workers are Indians, many with college and university training, thus being fitted to teach, train and develop their own people in Christian living and service.

One of the many problems that has confronted our workers has been the winning and developing of the young Indians attending government and public schools who speak English. Marked progress is being made in the past few years along this line.

Among the Cherokees, the Rev. and Mrs. Roe Beard, our good missionaries, have won the confidence and love of the native pastors and women. Through daily vacation Bible schools and teacher training classes in service and doctrine, they have made great progress and development among these Indians.

I give a brief digest of the Cherokee women's work made by Mrs. Beard; 42 W. M. U.'s; total membership 531; active membership 186; 769 quilts made and \$1,322 given for all mission causes.

Our work at Chillico Government School where we have 300 Baptist boys and girls, is carried on by Miss Helen Lloyd, our faithful and competent missionary. Miss Lloyd lives on the campus and gives all of her time to the teaching and training of this Baptist group. She is aided in this work by Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hancock, who visit Chillico and other schools each month.

On the Pawnee field, Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington, who have the local supervision of the work in their association, are kept busy at the mission, the government school and hospital located at Pawnee. All of our workers

are majoring on winning and developing the young Indians.

## "First White Man to Eat With Me"

Our Pima work in Arizona is under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier who are aided by Rev. Luke Johnson, a native. They are greatly encouraged over the new chapel and church organization at Casa Blanca and also the repairs at Sacaton. They are rejoicing that God has opened the door among the Papago and the Maricopa tribes that are near them.

Brother Frazier's first experience with the Maricopas is very interesting. They went to visit an old sick Indian who had been the object of their prayers. They found him up and twenty-six Indians had gathered at his home for the service, although part of his house had been torn down and the funeral pyre built to cremate his body. The old Indian invited the missionaries to eat with him and stated to Brother Frazier, "You are first white man to eat with me."

After the message the old man was the first to step up and accept Christ as his Saviour. He was followed by seven others who accepted Christ, stating that this good news is what the Maricopas had been waiting for a long time. Brother Frazier stated that he had never witnessed brighter conversions in all his ministry.—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTE

Judging from our own experience over a good many years in a place to which people naturally and properly turn for information, we should guess that one of the glaring weaknesses in the American educational system lies in a failure to teach students how to use reference books. Only rarely do we encounter anyone who seems to have any adequate comprehension of the beauties and virtues of an index. It is even rarer to find someone who can use a complicated index after its existence has been suggested as a means of acquiring information speedily and easily.

One of the acid tests of the practical value of any educational system is whether it teaches those who come under its influence to learn how to learn. Not even the most stupendous mind can grasp and hold all the things it were well, at one time or another, to know, but almost everyone can learn how to find what he may need to know. As matters stand, however, most of the people with whom we have acquaintance seem to be completely at a loss as to where to start looking for any desired fact or figure. It is not the fault of their stars or of themselves, as we see it, but is ascribable to the failure of the schools, colleges and universities to give them the method of learning.

It has long been our private contention that no student should be turned out of either high school or college who has not successfully completed a reasonably short and reasonably rigorous course in the ways in which reference works can be employed as first aids to fallible memories and finite knowledge. Such knowledge would be the magic password to the realms of information that so many otherwise intelligent people appear to lack almost entirely. —Commercial Appeal Editorial.

Many years ago Blue Mountain College realized the need for such preparation. A college education should not be a memory course. There is a limit to what the mind can retain. Too, why tax the brain with remembering information that has been recorded for years and may be found in most libraries or other places accessible to one of initiative? The Commercial Appeal editorial is right and timely.

One of the principal purposes of Blue Mountain College is the development of initiative, poise, and the ability to use the mind—to think, one of the hardest things to do. The Blue Mountain College purpose is to develop executive ability, rather than to cram a lot of details into the mind. Real executive ability rightfully employed will take one far on the road to success. Executive ability can command all manner of expert information. One need not study five or six years to acquire the benefit of medical experience; this can be engaged for a reasonable fee. The same is true of legal, engineering, and all other specialized knowledge. Executive ability, creative thinking, analytical thinking, and initiative will make unnecessary in most cases the engaging in exhaustive research, because research has been exhausted on many subjects for years, and findings already are systematically recorded in detail, and are available to anyone who knows where to look.

If one had to choose between ac-



CHAPLAIN JOSEPH JOHNSON  
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IS OVERSEAS

Chaplain Joseph Johnson is serving with our armed forces "somewhere in England." Chaplain Johnson is a son of the late C. T. Johnson, one-time evangelist in Mississippi and pastor at Marks, Liberty, Carthage, Walnut Grove, Louin and several other places.

Chaplain Johnson attended Mississippi College and later was graduated from Louisiana College. He received his high school education at Central High school in Jackson. He was pastor at Grayson and Gilbert, Louisiana. At the time he entered the chaplaincy, he was pastor of the church at Diboll, Texas. He will also be remembered as an evangelistic singer.

—BR—

Elton Barlow has accepted the pastorate of Calvary church, New Orleans. This church is in the Algiers section. He is resigning the work at New Salem, Lucien and Concord in Franklin county. He will also be a student at the Baptist Bible Institute. He expects to graduate next spring with the degree of Master of Theology.

—BR—

CORRECTION

In a Foreign Mission page published recently, because of an error in the copy, it was urged that money for World Relief be sent directly to Dr. Maddy at Richmond. This is not the correct method of sending it. All funds for that purpose, as well as for other denominational purposes, should be sent to the Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 105, Miss. Designated gifts go then, without any deduction, to their proper designations.

quiring executive ability, and acquiring a college education without it, perhaps she would do well to forego the latter. For what good does it do a person to fill one's head with an assortment of knowledge if she does not know what to do with it?

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"This is the Life" is a very appropriate pamphlet of 16 pages published by Christ For America, 812 Land Title Building, Philadelphia, 10, Pennsylvania. It is planned for the help of untaught Christians and those newly converted. Churches or pastors would be doing a worthwhile deed to present new converts with this book. The price is 10c per copy, \$1 per dozen, or \$6 per 100. Chapter headings are: What is a Christian; What It Means to be a Christian; Living the Life; Supposing a Christian Does Sin! The Christian Growth—Bible Readings; The Christian's Privilege—Prayer, and The Christian's Duty—Witnessing.

The Arkansas Baptist came out with a new appearance in its issue of August 4. It has reduced its size slightly, but will carry about the same amount of material as before. They have changed printers. C. E. Bryant, associate editor, is carrying on in the absence of Editor Lewis A. Myers, who is now serving as a chaplain in the army.

"The Italian soldiers where there were no Germans surrendered by the hundreds, and in some places without much of a fight, but believe me, combat is one place where there are no infidels. Twice already I have said my silent prayer to God and almost given up, but the Lord must have been looking after me for sure, because I am still living, for which I am thankful," said Pvt. Homer Covington in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Lena M. Covington, 1142 North West Street, Jackson, Miss.

Pastor John E. Laney did the preaching in a very constructive revival held at French Camp recently.

Lisbon (By Wireless) (RNS)—A church sexton has been sentenced to death and several Roman Catholic laymen condemned to long prison terms by a Nazi court at Stettin, Pomerania, Germany, for having listened to British and American short-wave broadcasts, according to reports in the German press.

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ANSWERS TO KNOW YOUR

1. (Lucky number seven): The character was Jacob, who with fear and trembling went out to meet his brother Esau, bowing to him seven times as he approached. See Genesis 33:3-4.

2. (Thumb Bible): It was so called because of its size. It was but one inch square and about one-half an inch in thickness. The Aberdeen copy has been valued at \$1,000.

3. (He never owned a home, etc.): Jesus, the Christ.

4. (Profits of money changers): All male Jews paid annually to the Temple a tribute of "half a shekel," about 30 cents. Such payments had to be in official silver coins, for which changing, a percentage of from 10 to 14 per cent was charged. Figuring the very large income from these annual Temple dues, it has been computed by experts that the profits of the money-changers ranged from \$40,000 to \$45,000 annually.

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Feeling that many persons attending associations will want additional information regarding Mississippi and Southern Baptists, we are pleased to present vital statistics to our work in this fashion:

## STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is supported through 25% of the Cooperative Program receipts, plus designated monies from individuals, churches and other groups. Our 1943 STATE MISSION BUDGET is as follows:

### Report of Budget Committee December 7, 1942

Brotherhood	\$ 400.00
WMU Camps	2,000.00
Indian	600.00
Negro	1,000.00
Evangelistic Department	5,800.00
Church Building Evangelism	2,500.00
Pastoral Evangelism	8,800.00
B. S. U. Work	4,600.00
S. S. Department	8,000.00
B. T. U. Department	6,000.00
Historical Society	25.00
Evangelistic Conference	750.00
Retirement Office Help	780.00
Retirement Board Employees	1,500.00
Retirement Ministers	9,000.00
Convention Expense	250.00
Fixed Expenses	300.00
Board Meetings	1,000.00
Week of Prayer and S. S. Day	800.00
Tracts, Printing and Advertising	500.00
Soldier Work	7,000.00
Two Additional District Evangelists	5,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,405.00</b>

### Specials:

R. G. LeTourneau Fund—Evangelism	\$ 2,500.00
W. L. Perry Fund—Evangelism	3,600.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,505.00</b>

All amounts prorated over 12 months.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT WORKERS

E. C. Williams, state Sunday school secretary; Miss Carolyn Madison, state elementary Sunday school secretary; Mrs. P. C. French, office secretary (part time).

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## DISTRICT ENLISTMENT PASTORS

Dr. W. E. Greene, Brookhaven; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Rev. M. E. Perry, Hattiesburg; Rev. E. D. Estes, Eupora; Rev. Jas. B. Ray, Tupelo, and Rev. E. G. Hightower, Batesville.

STATEWIDE ENLISTMENT PASTOR: Rev. Bruce S. Hilbun, Soso, Mississippi.

STATEWIDE EVANGELIST: W. W. Kyzar, Columbia, Mississippi.

## BAPTIST RECORD

A. L. Goodrich, editor and circulation manager; D. A. McCall, business manager.

Editor Goodrich is charged with the editorial and news content of The Baptist Record, the make-up of the paper, and as circulation manager is charged with promoting and securing of new and renewal subscriptions. Secretary McCall is charged with responsibilities in finance, bookkeeping, mailing and advertising.

Personnel is secured as in other departments.

## B. S. U. SECRETARIES

Miss Lucy Carlton Wilds, Blue Mountain; Miss Marian Leavell, University; Harold Douglas, State College; Miss Wilda Tilghman, M. S. C. W.; Miss Juanice Robertson, Ellisville; Chester Moulder, Mississippi Southern; Gaston Mooney, Bible teacher, Perkinston, and R. L. Wallace, Bible teacher, Raymond.

PART TIME CHINESE WORKER: Charles Tucker, Cleveland, Mississippi.

PART TIME INDIAN WORKER: S. E. McAdory, Union, Mississippi.

SPECIAL STATE RESPONSIBILITIES rest upon the executive secretary in the capacity of State Mission secretary, such as—finance, bookkeeping, director of evangelism, and minister retirement.

THE STATE MISSION CAMP WORK is carried forward through the W. M. U. department.

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The distributable Cooperative Program dollar is divided as follows: 60% to State causes and 40% to Southwide causes.

### Distribution

State causes: 60%—	
State Missions	25%
Christian Education	25%
Baptist Orphanage	6%
Ministerial Education	3%
Baptist Hospital	1%
Southwide causes: 40%—	
Foreign Mission Board	50%
Home Mission Board	23 1/3%
Relief and Annuity Board	10 1/3%
S. B. C. Theological Seminary	4 1/5%

S. W. B. Theological Seminary	4 1/5%
Baptist Bible Institute	4 1/5%
W. M. U. Training School	0-8/15%
American Baptist Theological Seminary	1%
Southern Baptist Hospital	2 1/5%

## 100,000 CLUB

The new allocation of 100,000 Club money is as follows:

### New Allocation of 100 M Club Funds as of May 1, 1943

Southern Baptist Seminary	35%
Southwestern Seminary	35%
Baptist Bible Institute	20%
Southern Baptist Hospital	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION

### Indebtedness

This item regards indebtedness in the Department of Christian Education—financial support given in addition to our denominational colleges.

Our bonded indebtedness in 1939 stood at—\$542,100.

Today it stands at—\$156,500.

In addition, a \$25,000 note was made at the bank in caring for the last bond call. However, instructions have already been issued to the bookkeeper to retire this note in October.

We expect to be out of debt in this department in 1944. We hope to call at least \$100,000 November 1st.

This work is made possible by receipts through the Now Club and by 25% of the Cooperative Program receipts.

We trust that large and effective use of the above information may be made in the meetings of the various associations now open before us.

Blessings upon you.

# Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

D. A. McCALL

Executive Secretary-Treasurer